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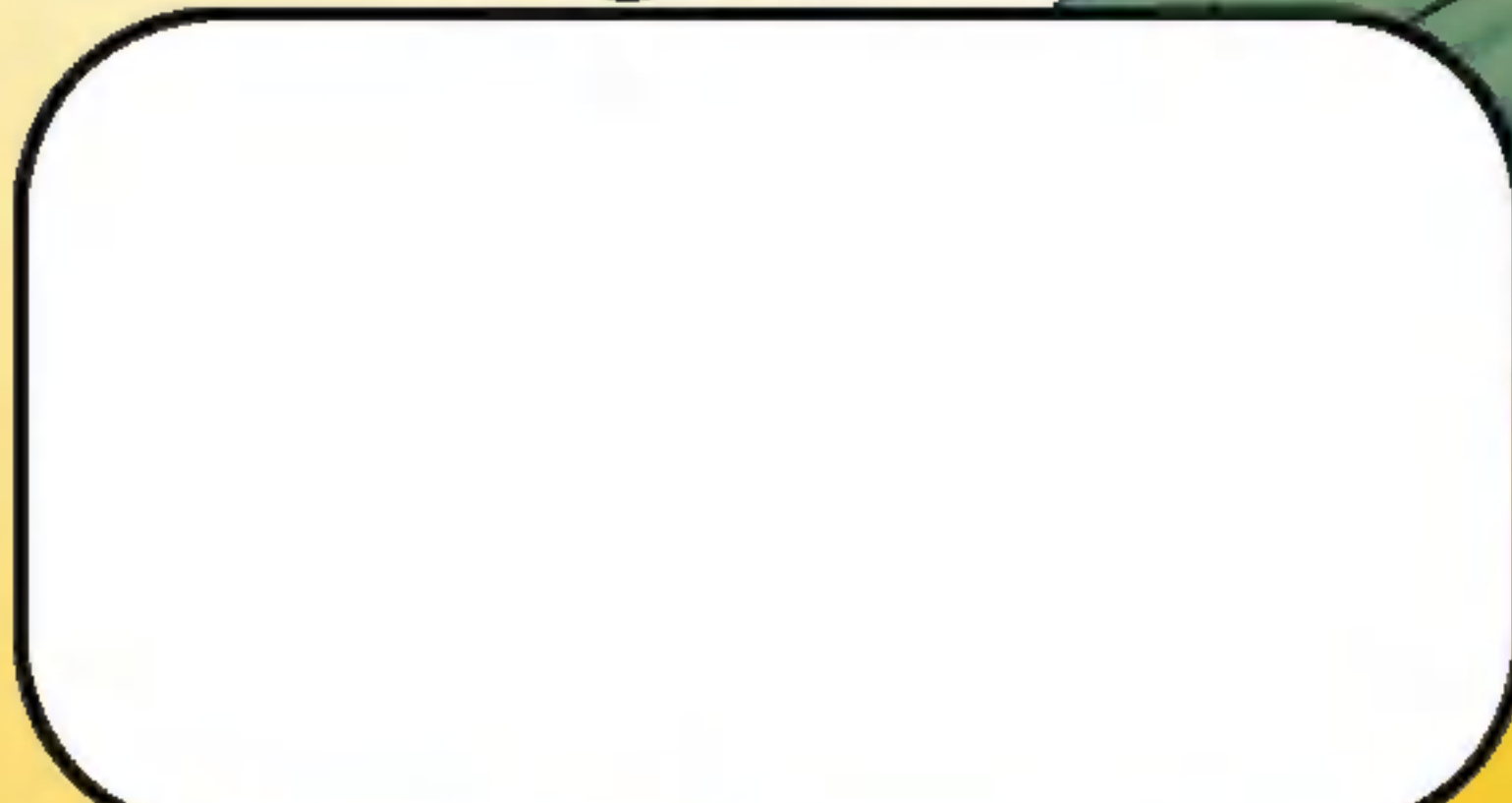


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# SONIC™

## THE HEDGEHOG





**F**OR THOSE  
OF YOU JUST  
JOINING US,  
PRINCESS SALLY  
HAS JUST WED  
ANTOINE  
D'COOLETTE...

YOU MAY NOW  
KISS THE  
BRIDE!

AND FOR THOSE  
OF YOU STILL  
STUNNED BY  
THE TURN OF  
EVENTS DEPICTED  
LAST ISSUE, WE  
DIRECT YOUR  
ATTENTION TO  
THE HAPPY  
COUPLE...

I FEEL  
AWFUL!

THIS IS NOT  
THE WEDDING  
DAY I ALWAYS  
IMAGINED!

SACRE  
BLEU! I AM  
JUST A STEP  
AWAY FROM  
BECOMING  
LE KING!

IT WON'T  
BE MUCH  
LONGER--

--BEFORE KING  
ACORN LIES  
DEAD, ENABLING  
ME TO SEIZE LE  
CROWN!

SMILE  
FOR THE  
CAMERAS, MY  
QUEEN!

OUR  
SUBJECTS  
EXPECT  
OUR  
BEST!

THE THINGS  
ONE DOES IN  
THE NAME  
OF DUTY!

EXACTLY!



BUT WHAT OF  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG

DOES HE NO LONGER  
CARE FOR THE FAIR  
SALLY? HAVE THE  
TWO GROWN THAT  
FAR APART?

IN A WORD,  
NO.

FOR IF THE PRINCESS OF  
ACORN COULD SEE HER  
TRUE BELOVED, SHE  
WOULD FIND HIM MEETING  
WITH THE ONE BEING  
CAPABLE OF ALTERING  
THE COURSE OF EVENTS...

--AND SO  
I CAME TO  
YOU--

--TO--TO  
ASK--

--IF YOU CAN  
SAVE SALLY FROM  
MAKING THE  
**BIGGEST**  
MISTAKE OF  
HER LIFE!

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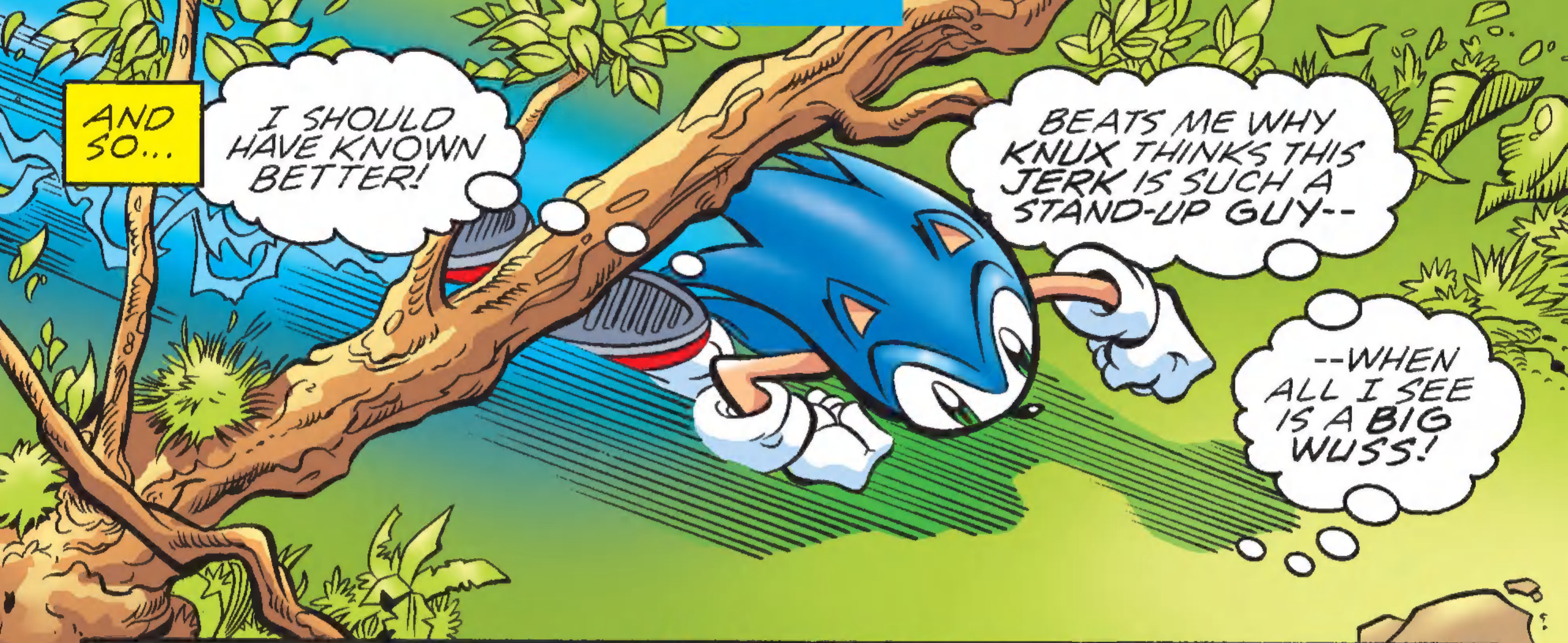
SALLY HAS  
EARNED HER  
RIGHT TO BE  
QUEEN!

FOR ME TO  
INTERFERE  
AT THIS HOUR  
WOULD BE  
UNCONSCION-  
ABLE!

BUT--

THAT IS  
ALL! THIS  
MEETING IS  
OVER!





AND  
SO...

I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN  
BETTER!

BEATS ME WHY  
KNUX THINKS THIS  
JERK IS SUCH A  
STAND-UP GUY--

--WHEN  
ALL I SEE  
IS A BIG  
WUSS!



WASN'T IT THE  
MOST *BEAUTIFUL*  
CEREMONY,  
IRVING?

THAT IT WAS,  
SARAH!

"CEREMONY"?  
"WAS"???

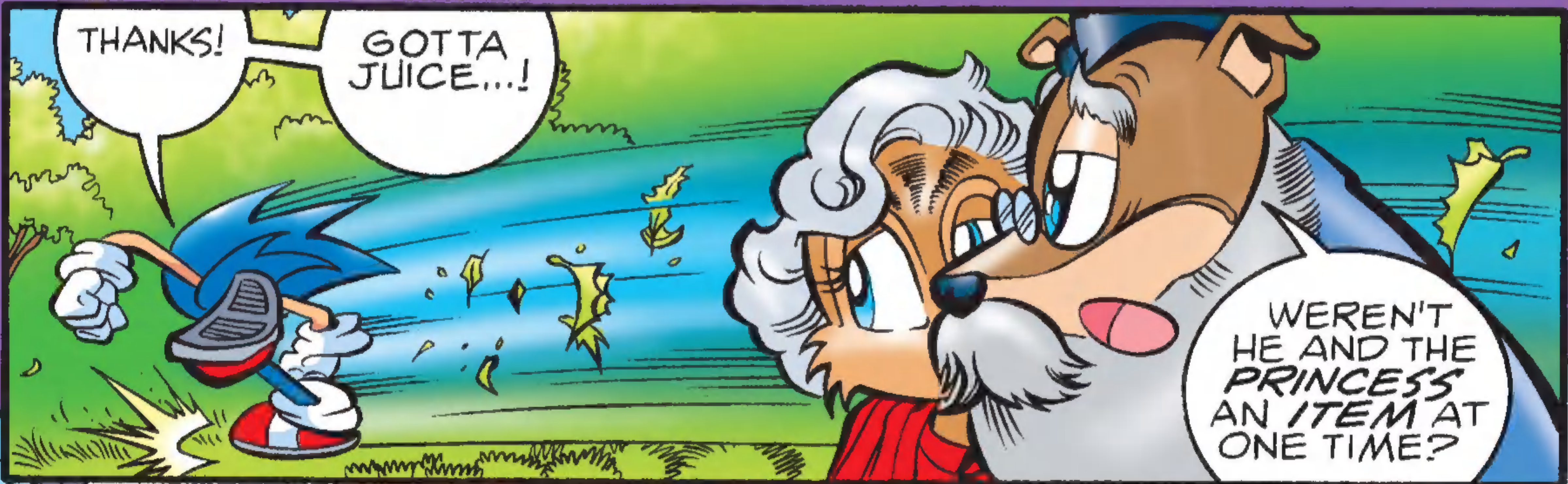
AM I TOO  
LATE?



EXCUSE ME,  
BUT WHERE'S  
THE WEDDING  
TAKING  
PLACE?

OH, YOU JUST  
MISSED IT!

THE *COUPLE* AND  
ALL THE *GUESTS*  
ARE NOW AT THE  
*BANQUET*  
HALL!



THANKS!

GOTTA  
JUICE...!

WEREN'T  
HE AND THE  
*PRINCESS*  
AN *ITEM* AT  
ONE TIME?



WHAT I  
DON'T GET  
IS--WHY  
NOW?

AND IF I HAD  
STAYED AT HER  
SIDE, WOULD WE  
BE DOING THE  
SAME?

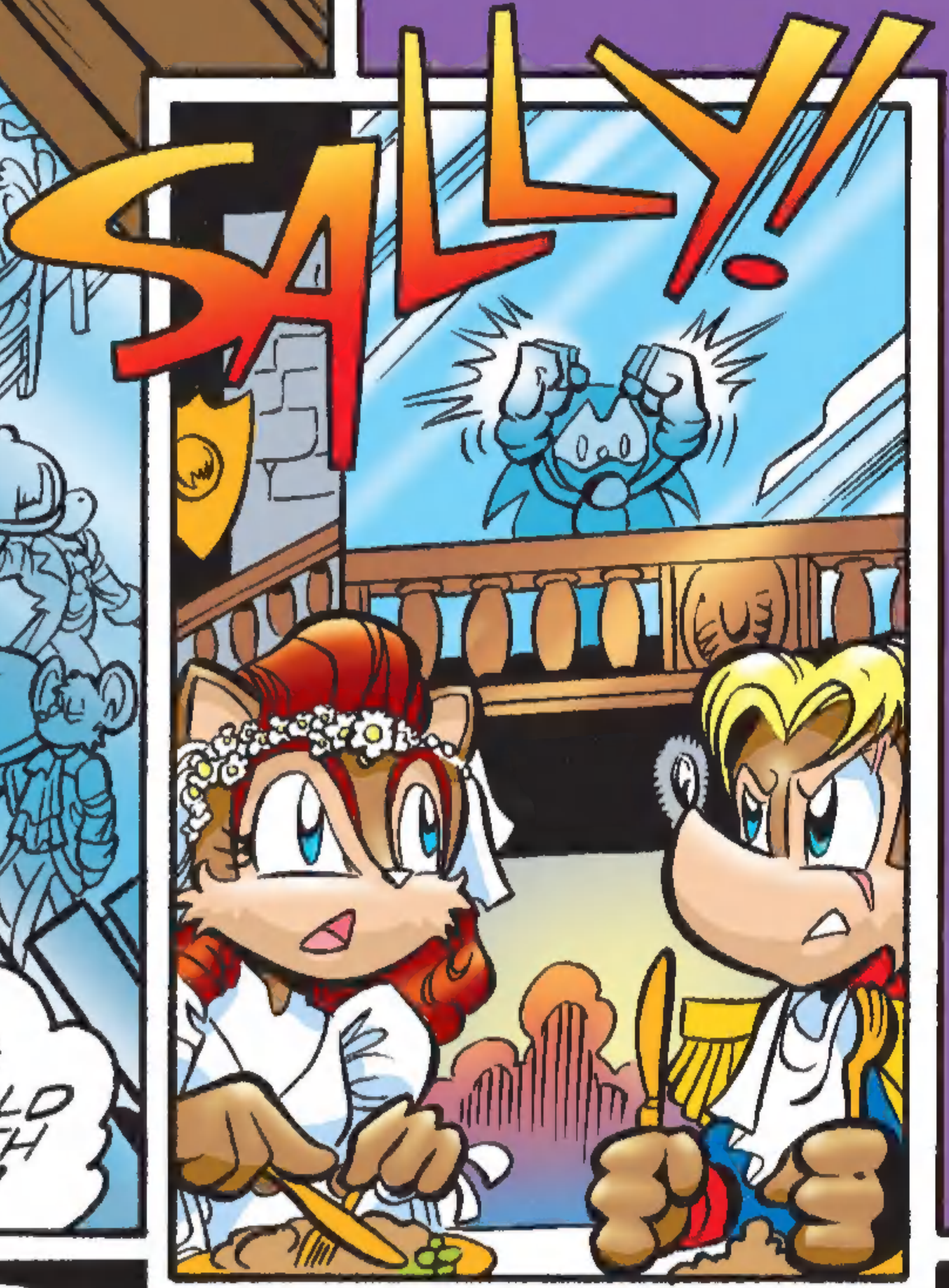




NUTS!

THIS IS ALL WRONG!

SHE SHOULD BE WITH ME!



SALLY!



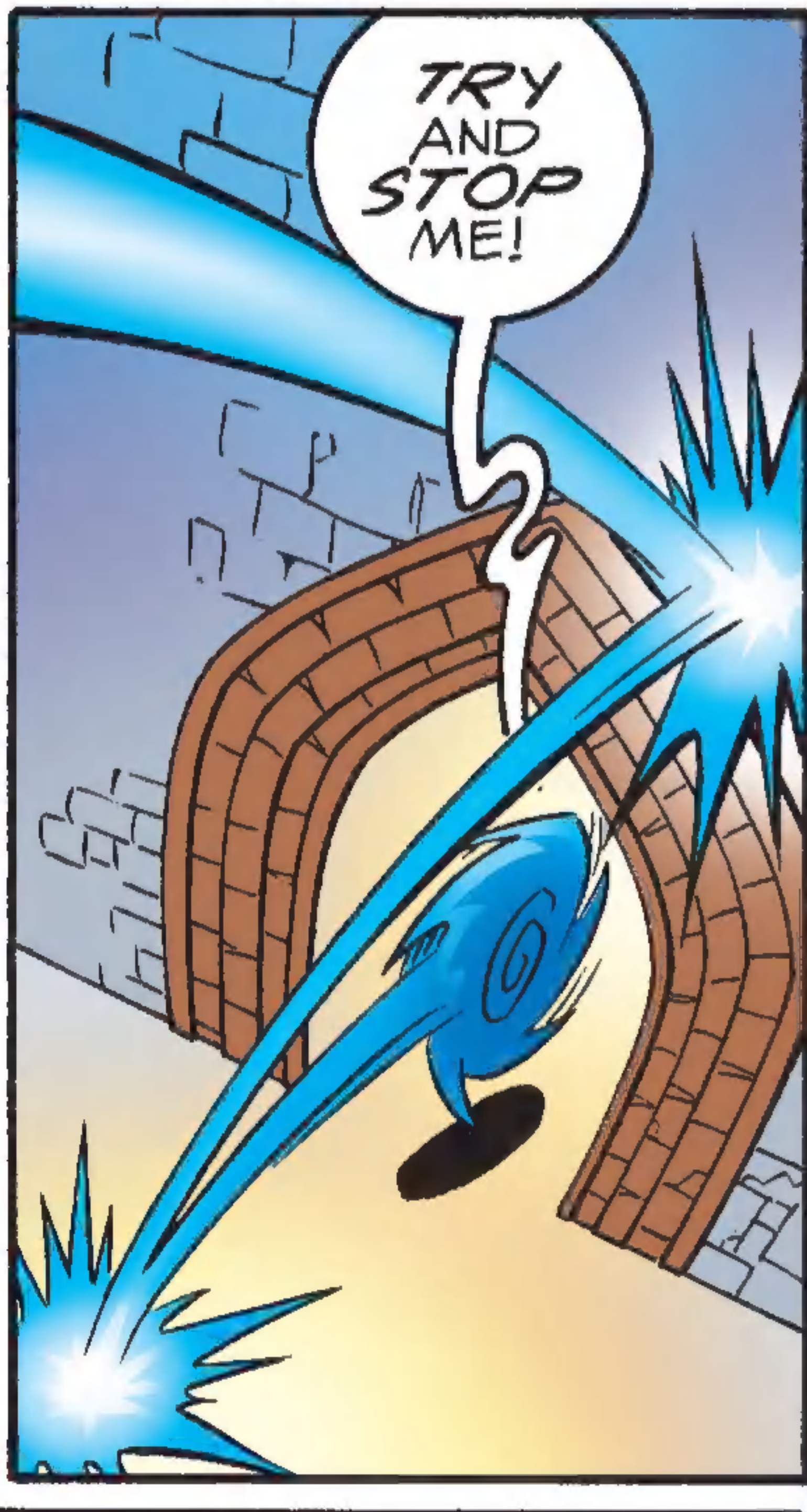
GET OUT OF MY WAY!

I'M SORRY, SONIC, BUT THE COMMANDER LEFT ORDERS IN CASE YOU CRASHED THE PARTY!

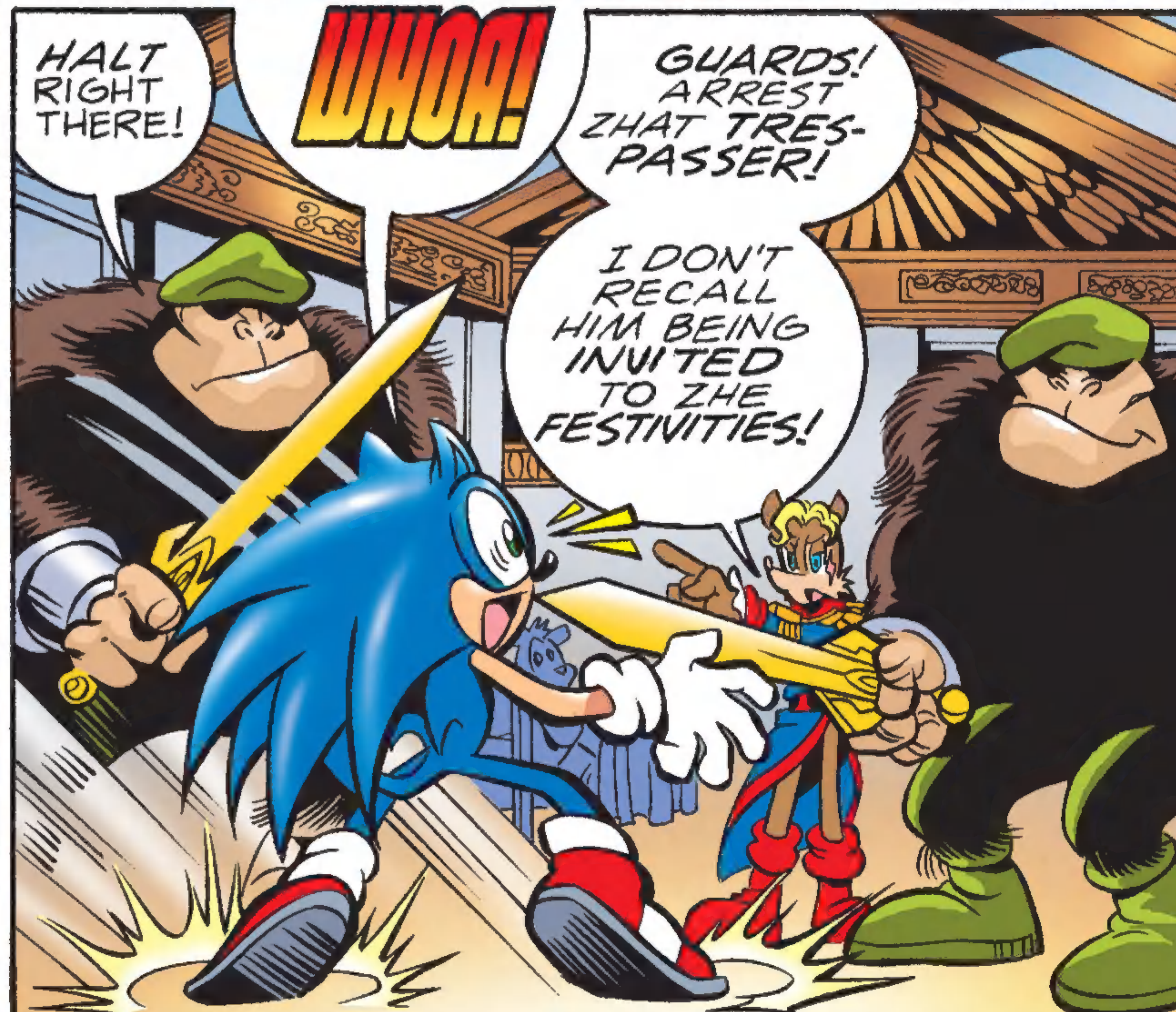


YEAH?

WELL--



TRY AND STOP ME!



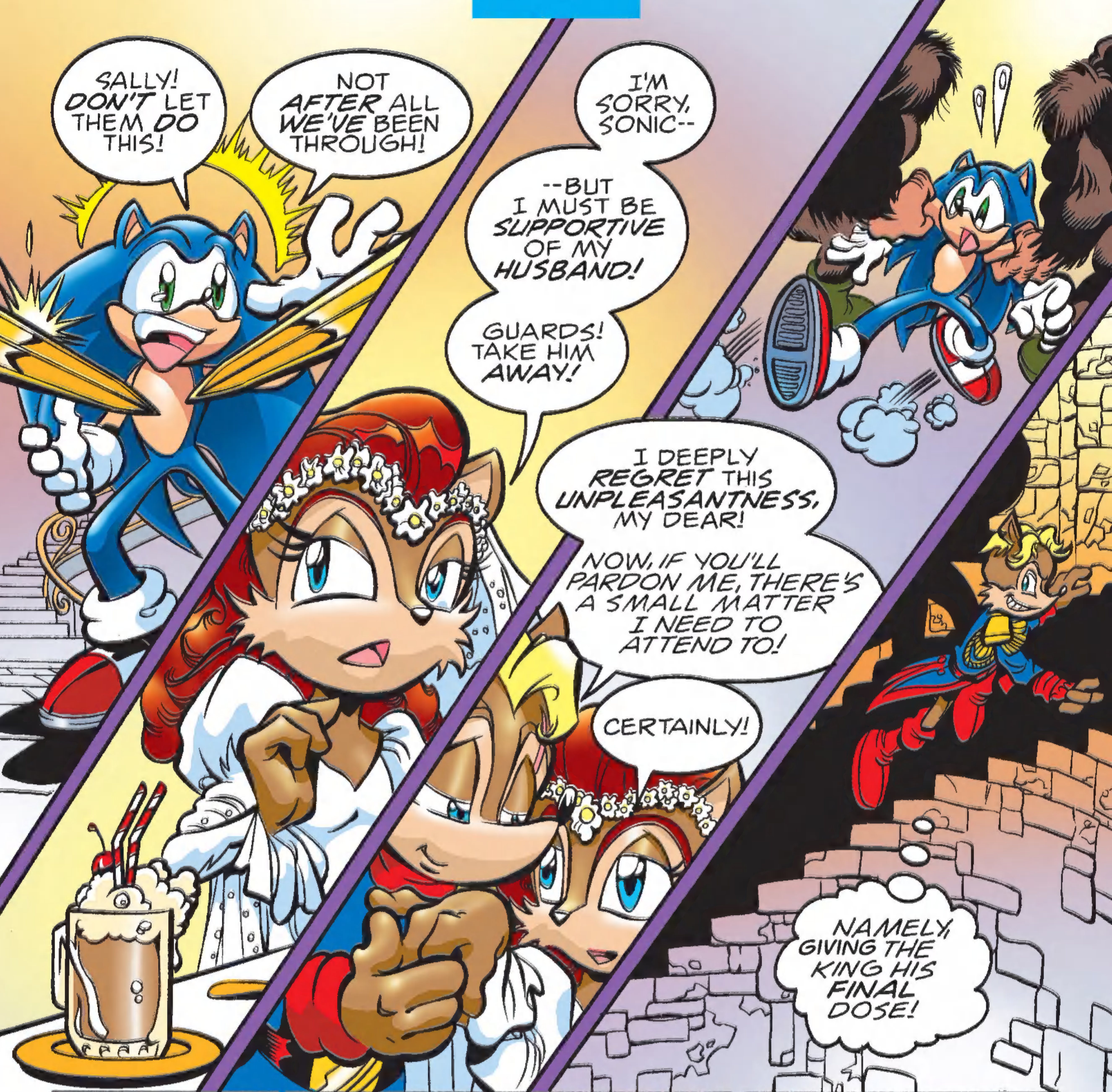
HALT RIGHT THERE!

WHOA!

GUARDS! ARREST ZHAT TRES-PASSER!

I DON'T RECALL HIM BEING INVITED TO ZHE FESTIVITIES!









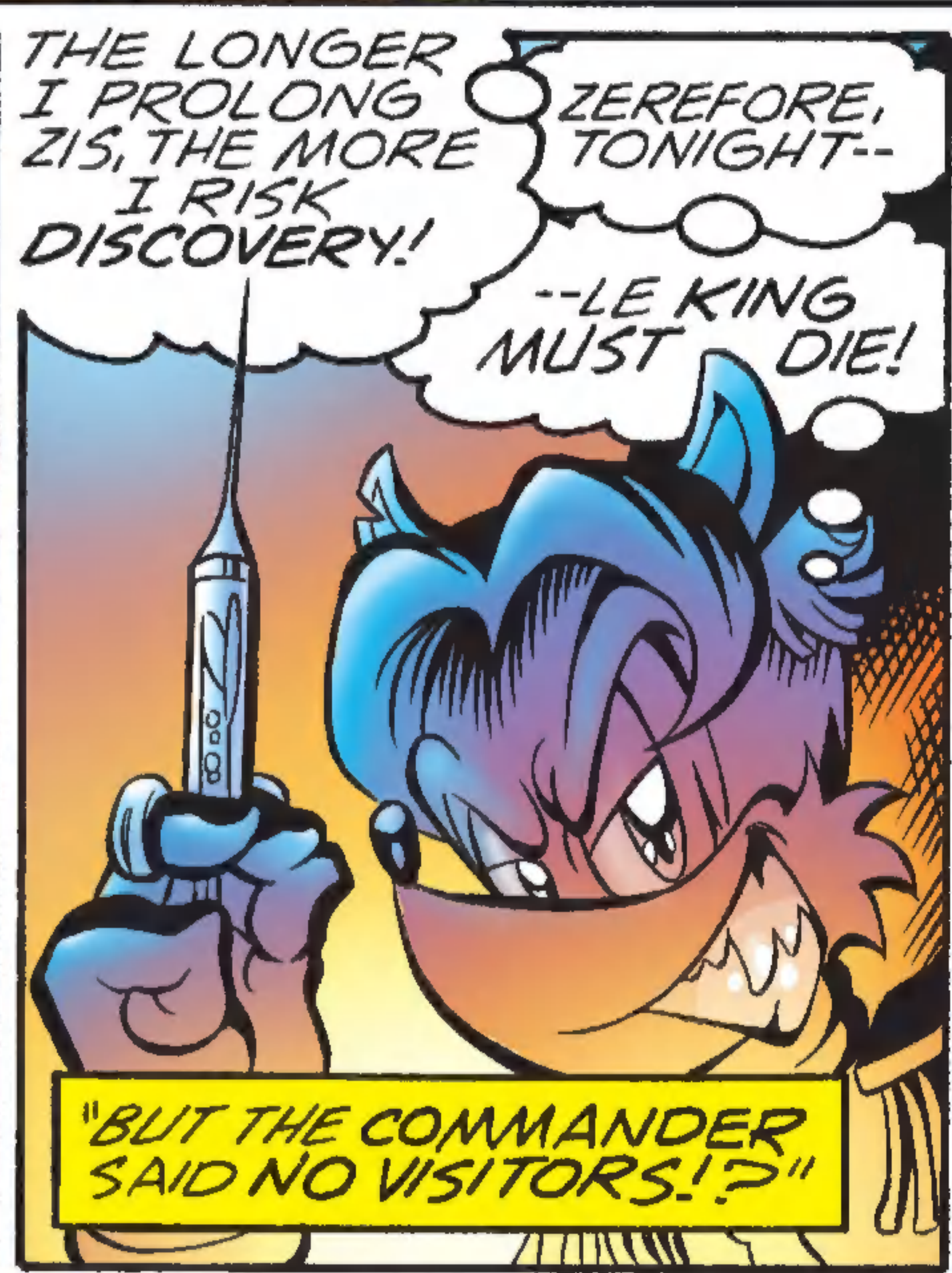
I BELIEVE **MY** CREDENTIALS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?



UH...ER...YES, ABSOLUTELY, YOUR--



"NOW...COULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY ALL THIS SECURITY ON THIS MOST FESTIVE OF OCCASIONS?"

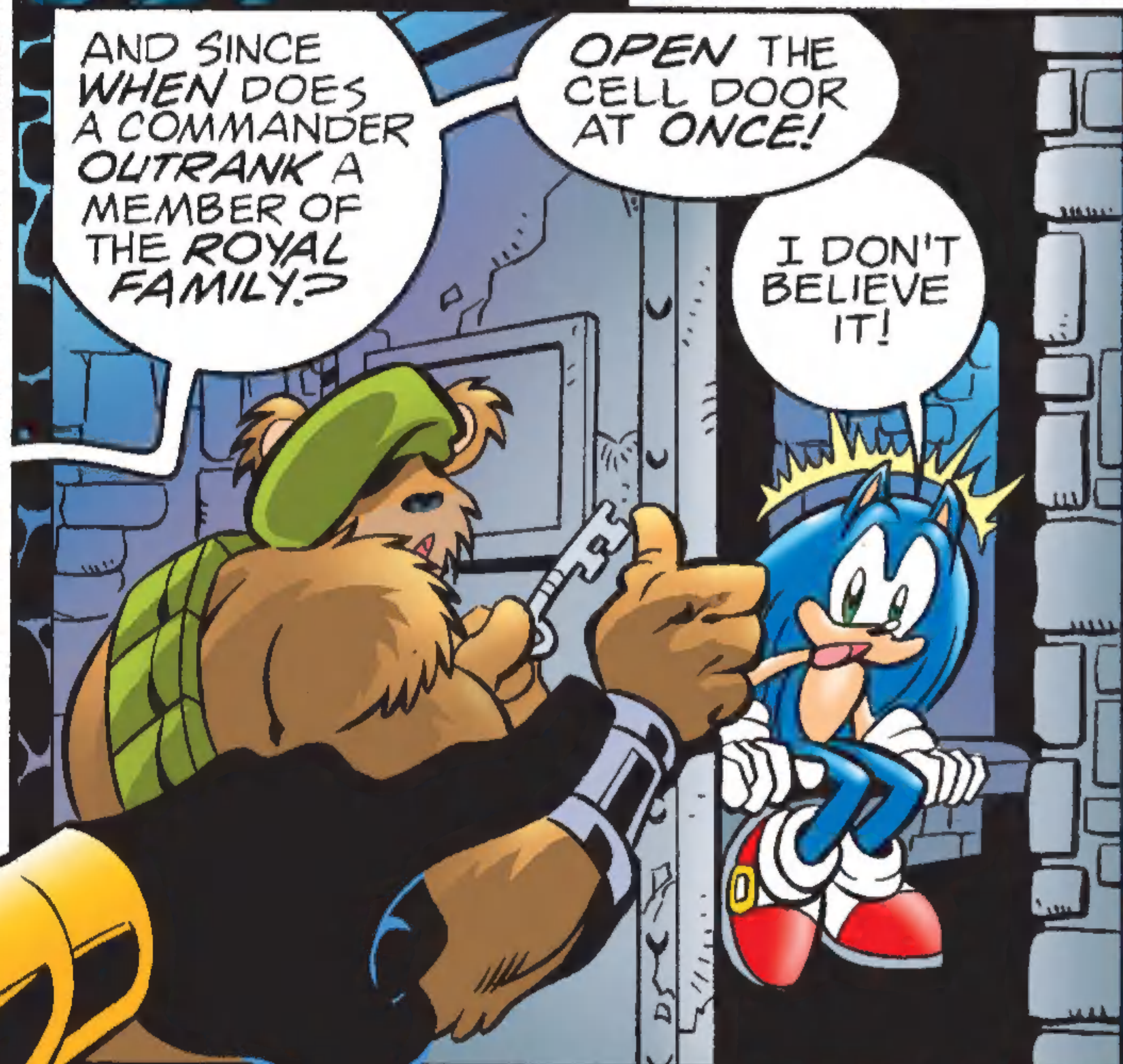


THE LONGER I PROLONG THIS, THE MORE I RISK DISCOVERY!

ZEREFORE, TONIGHT--

--LE KING MUST DIE!

"BUT THE COMMANDER SAID NO VISITORS!?"



AND SINCE WHEN DOES A COMMANDER OUTRANK A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY?

OPEN THE CELL DOOR AT ONCE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

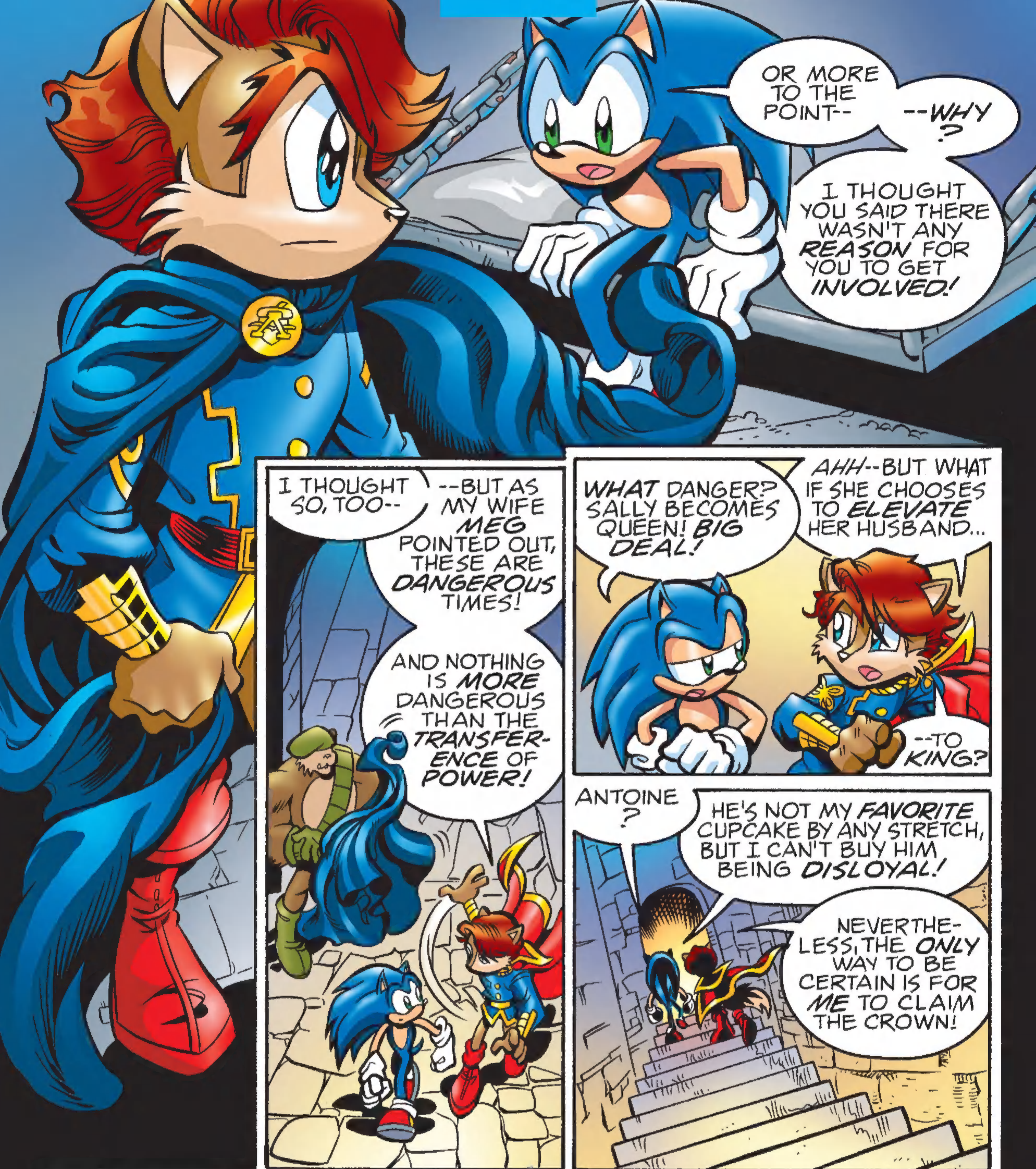


PRINCE ELIAS!!!

BUT HOW--?







OR MORE  
TO THE  
POINT--

--WHY  
?

I THOUGHT  
YOU SAID THERE  
WASN'T ANY  
**REASON** FOR  
YOU TO GET  
**INVOLVED!**

I THOUGHT  
SO, TOO--

--BUT AS  
MY WIFE  
**MEG**  
POINTED OUT,  
THESE ARE  
**DANGEROUS**  
TIMES!

AND NOTHING  
IS **MORE**  
**DANGEROUS**  
THAN THE  
**TRANSFER-**  
**ENCE OF**  
**POWER!**

WHAT DANGER?  
SALLY BECOMES  
QUEEN! **BIG**  
**DEAL!**

AHH--BUT WHAT  
IF SHE CHOOSES  
TO **ELEVATE**  
HER HUSBAND...

--TO  
**KING?**

ANTOINE  
?

HE'S NOT MY **FAVORITE**  
CUPCAKE BY ANY STRETCH,  
BUT I CAN'T BUY HIM  
BEING **DISLOYAL!**

NEVERTHE-  
LESS, THE **ONLY**  
WAY TO BE  
CERTAIN IS FOR  
**ME** TO CLAIM  
THE CROWN!

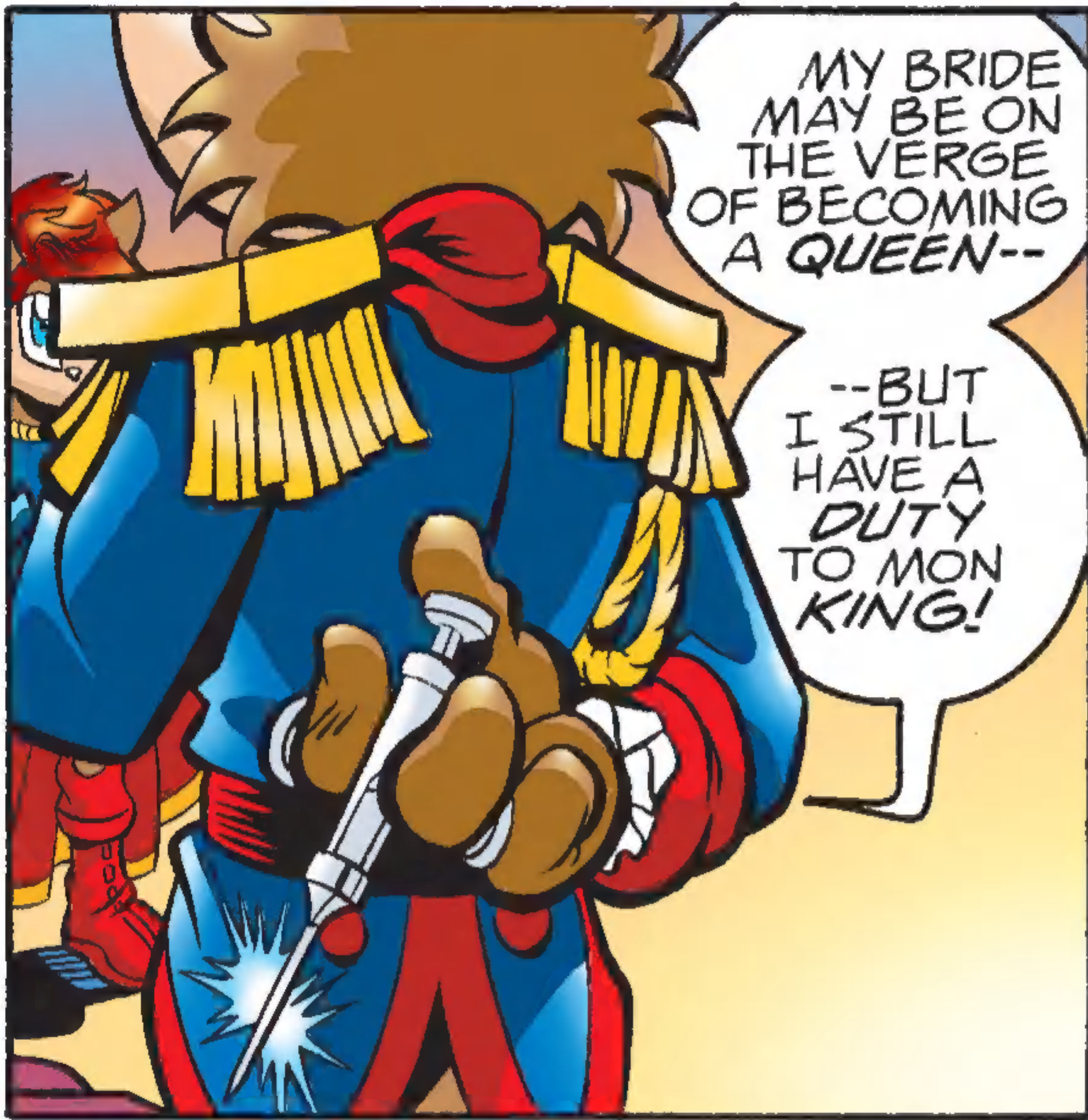
FATHER?

**KNOCK  
KNOCK!**

COMMANDER  
D'COOLETTE?

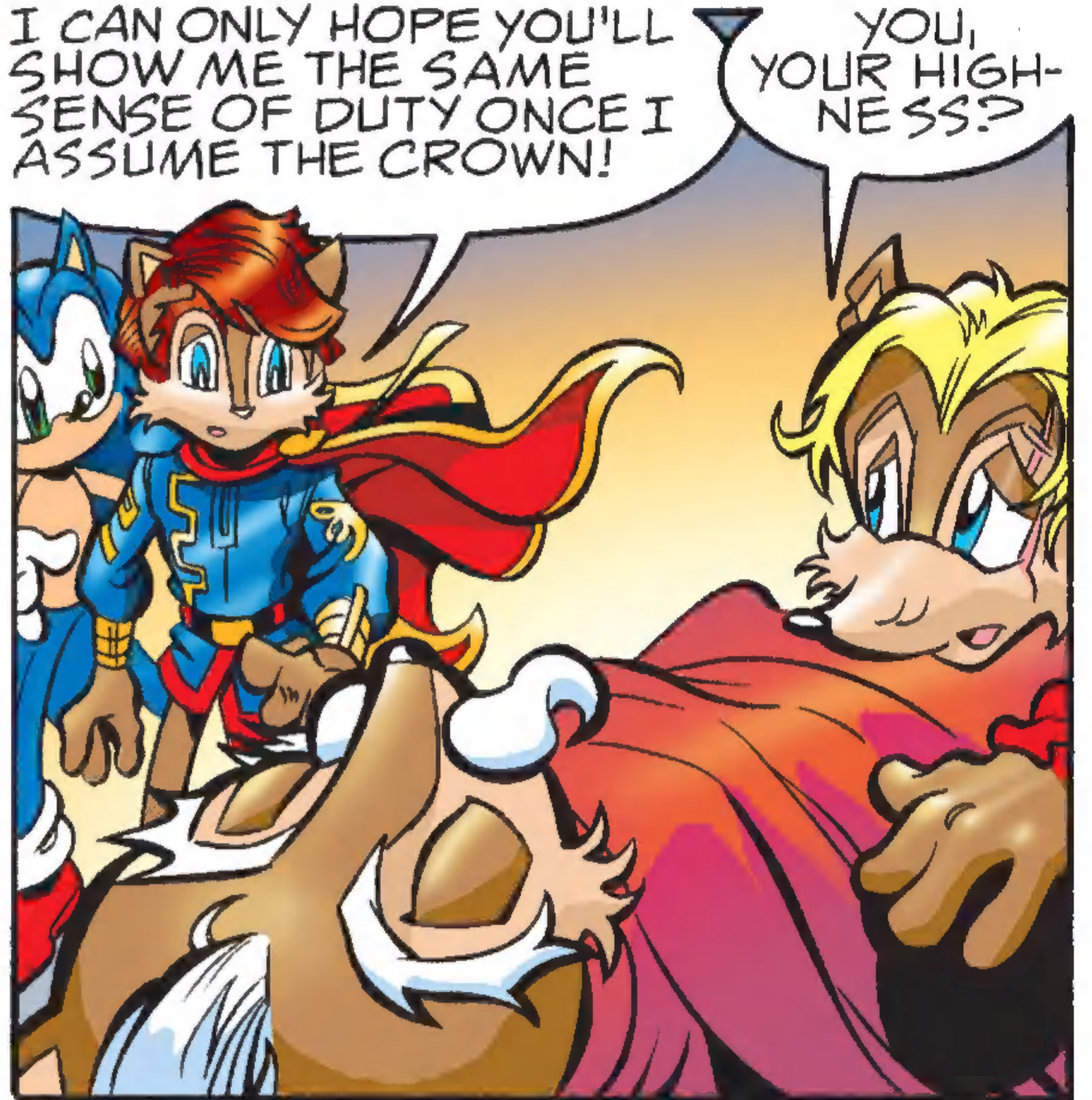
SHOULDN'T  
YOU BE **DOWN-**  
**STAIRS** WITH  
YOUR **BRIDE** IN  
THE BANQUET  
HALL?





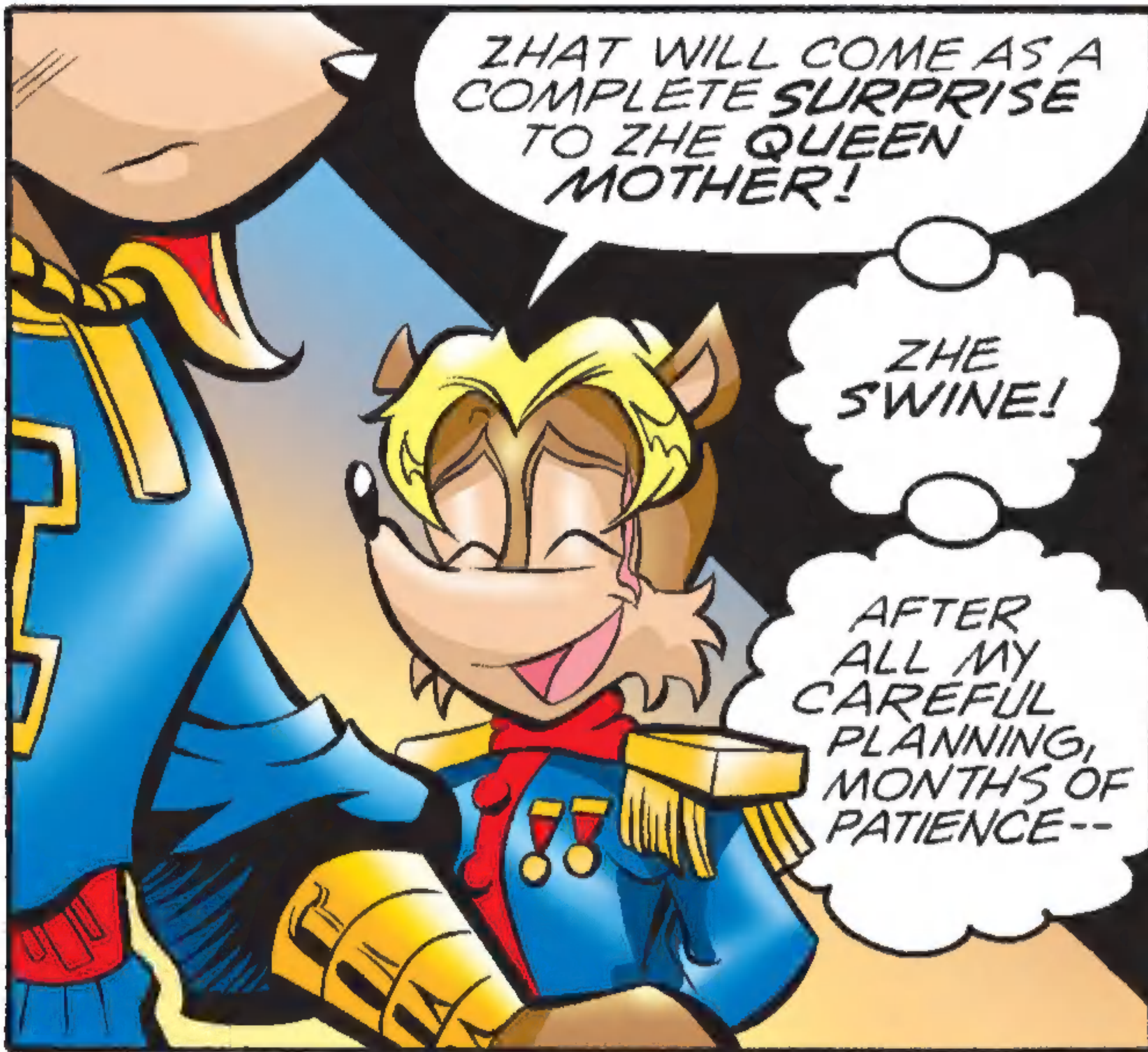
MY BRIDE  
MAY BE ON  
THE VERGE  
OF BECOMING  
A **QUEEN**--

--BUT  
I STILL  
HAVE A  
**DUTY**  
TO **MON**  
**KING!**



I CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'LL  
SHOW ME THE SAME  
SENSE OF DUTY ONCE I  
ASSUME THE CROWN!

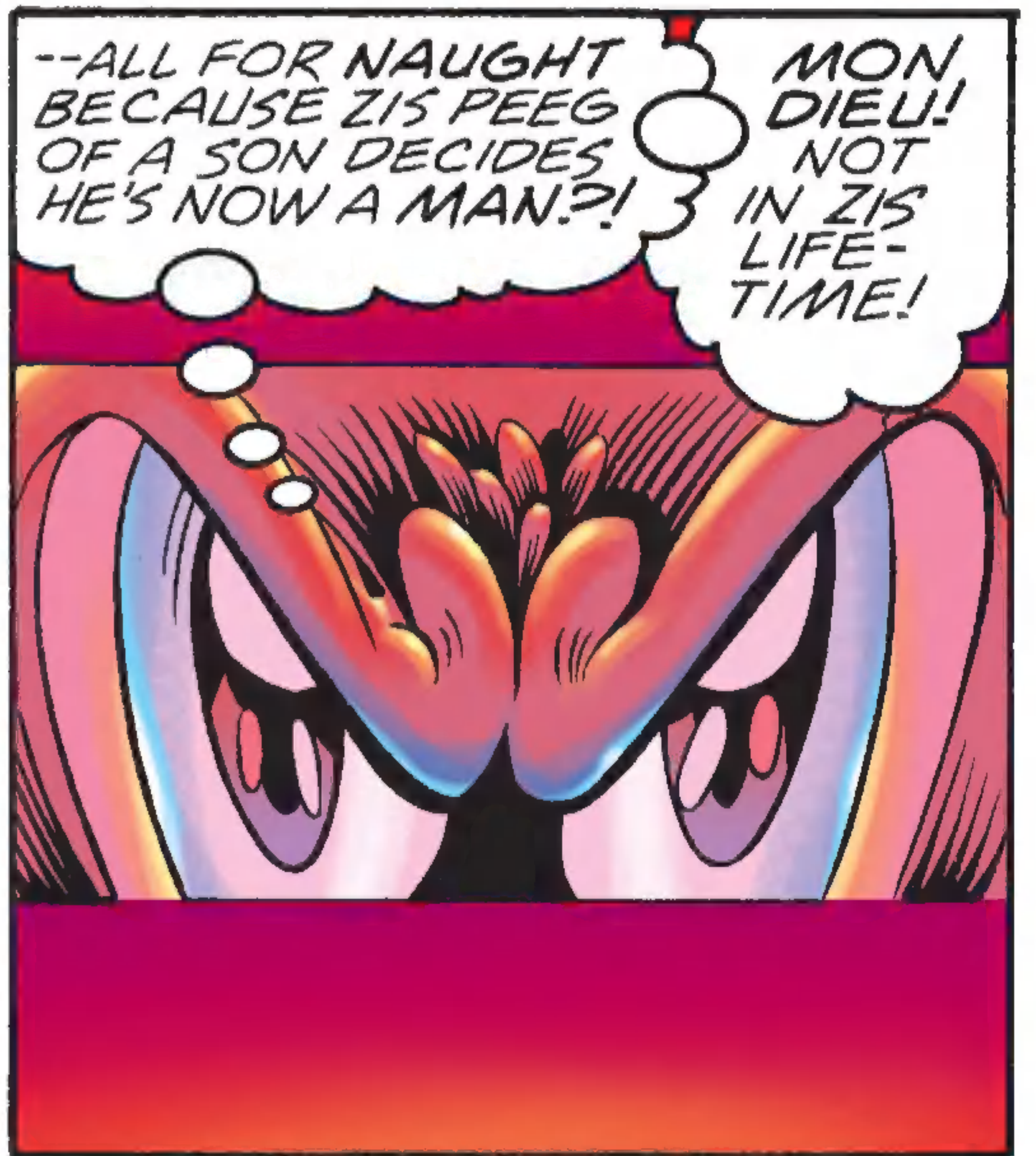
YOU,  
YOUR HIGH-  
NESS?



ZHAT WILL COME AS A  
COMPLETE **SURPRISE**  
TO ZHE **QUEEN**  
**MOTHER!**

ZHE  
**SWINE!**

AFTER  
ALL MY  
CAREFUL  
PLANNING,  
MONTHS OF  
PATIENCE--



--ALL FOR NAUGHT  
BECAUSE ZIS PEEG  
OF A SON DECIDES  
HE'S NOW A MAN?!

**MON**  
**DIEU!**  
NOT  
IN ZIS  
LIFE-  
TIME!



LE KING  
CAN WAIT!

ZIS  
**BLEMISH**  
ON **MOBILUS**  
MUST BE  
DEALT WITH  
**FIRST!**



I'M GOING NOW  
TO REJOIN YOUR  
**SISTER** AND  
**MOTHER!**

WOULD ZHE  
**BOTH** OF YOU  
CARE TO  
JOIN ME?



BEFORE LONG,  
BACK AT THE  
BANQUET HALL...

ONCE MY  
NEW HUSBAND  
REJOINS US--

--WE CAN  
COMMENCE  
WITH THE  
CORONATION!

NOT  
SO FAST!

AS FIRST-BORN,  
I ASSERT MY  
RIGHT TO THE  
CROWN!

NO  
REACTION  
FROM  
ANTOINE!

EITHER HE'S THE  
COOLEST CUSTOMER  
OR ELSE ELIAS IS  
BARKING UP THE  
WRONG TREE!

YOU REALIZE, OF  
COURSE, THAT YOUR  
STEP-CHILD IS  
INELIGIBLE IN THE  
LINE OF SUCCESSION,  
ELIAS!

ONLY THE BLOOD  
ROYALE MAY SIT  
ON THE THRONE!

MY SON, YOU HAVE NO  
IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE  
LONGED FOR YOU  
TO TAKE YOUR RIGHT-  
FUL PLACE!

ARE YOU *SURE*  
YOU WANT TO  
DO THIS,  
ELIAS?

I ABANDONED  
THE CROWN  
BECAUSE OF  
LOVE--

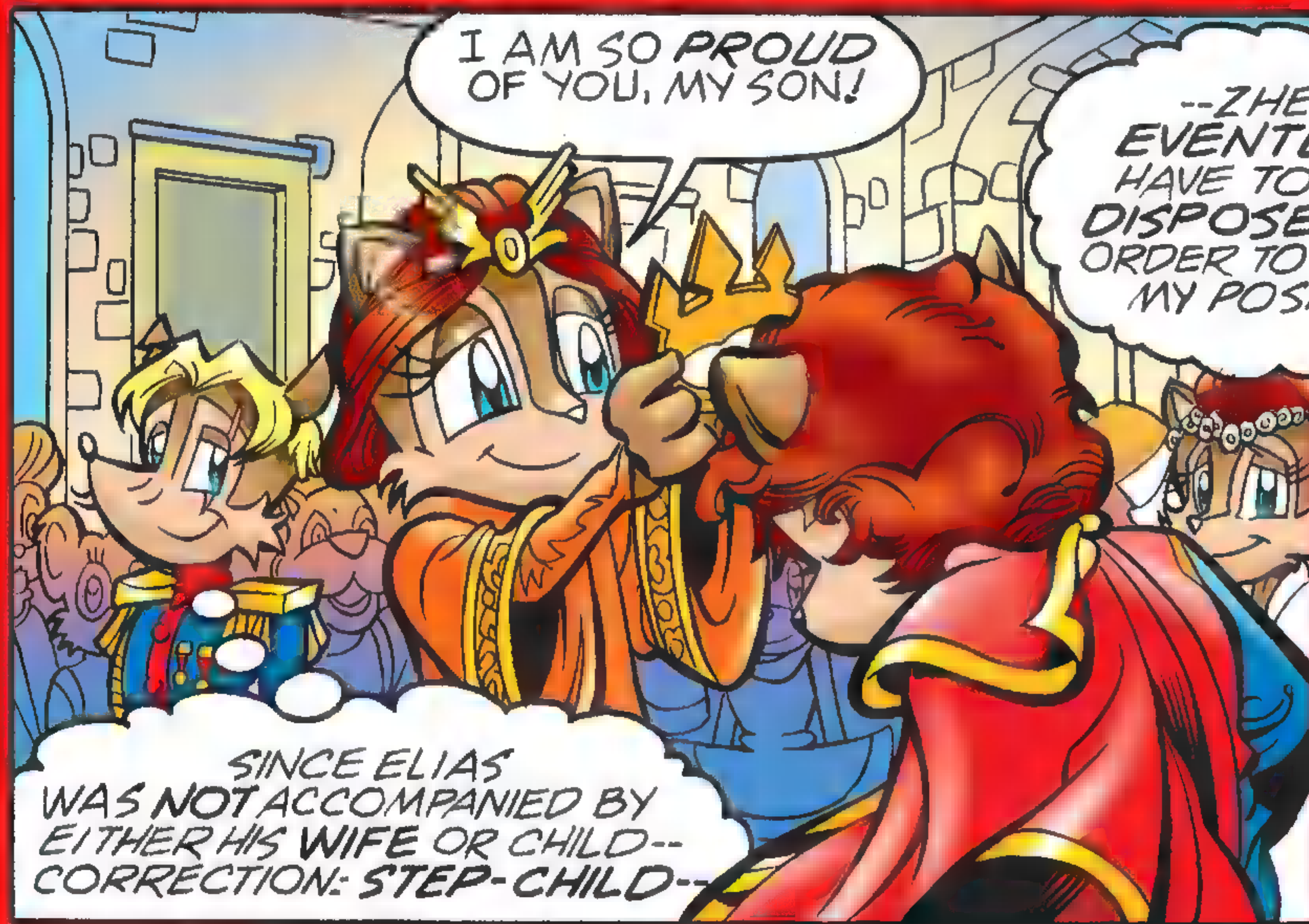
AND NOW IT'S  
BECAUSE OF  
LOVE--

--THAT  
I MUST  
ACCEPT  
IT!

KNEEL AS A  
PRINCE, ELIAS,  
HEIR TO THE  
THRONE ACORN!

AND ARISE  
KING ELIAS,  
SOVEREIGN  
OF ACORN!

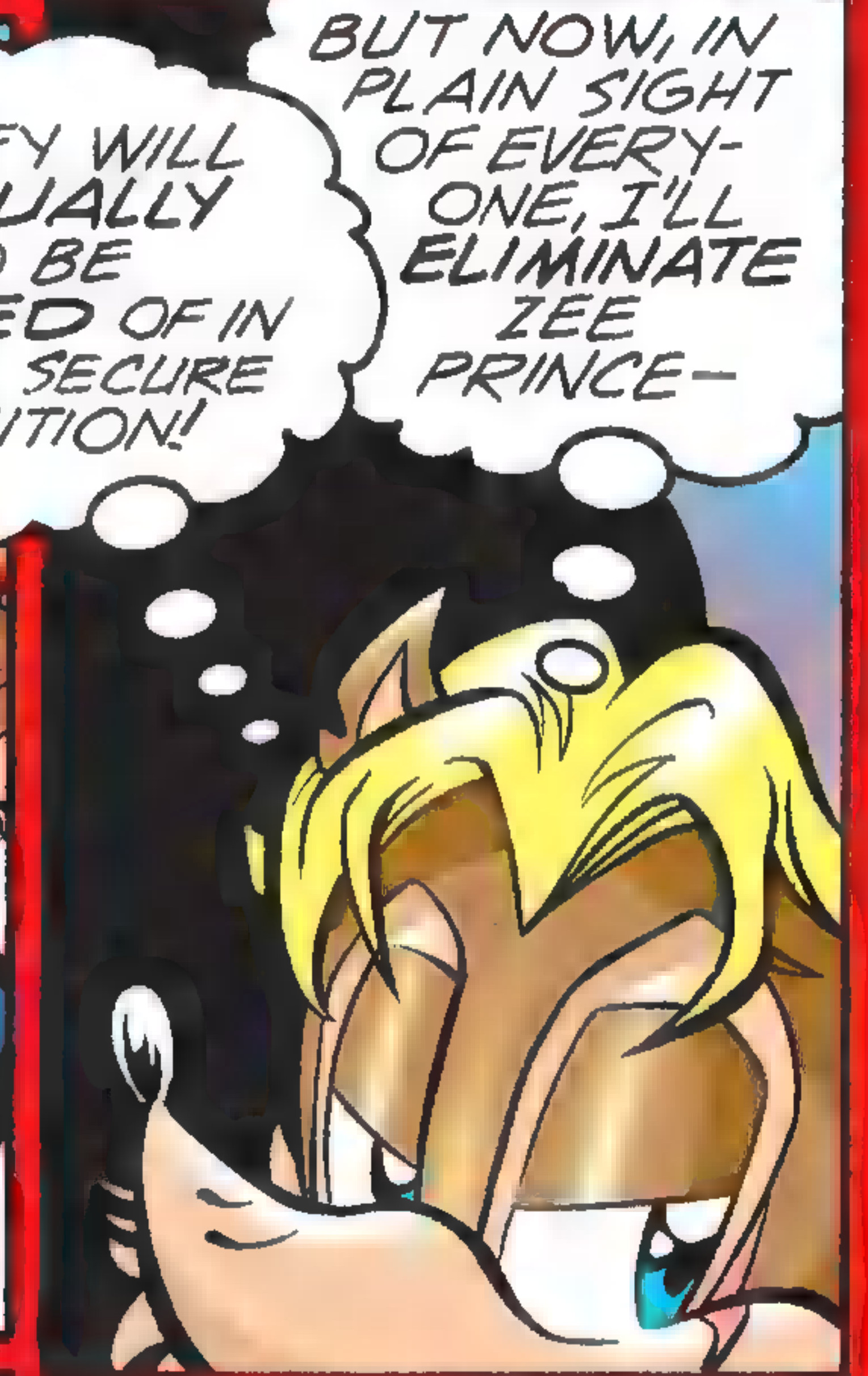




I AM SO PROUD  
OF YOU, MY SON!

--THEY WILL  
EVENTUALLY  
HAVE TO BE  
DISPOSED OF IN  
ORDER TO SECURE  
MY POSITION!

SINCE ELIAS  
WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY  
EITHER HIS WIFE OR CHILD--  
CORRECTION: STEP-CHILD--



BUT NOW, IN  
PLAIN SIGHT  
OF EVERY-  
ONE, I'LL  
ELIMINATE  
ZEE  
PRINCE--

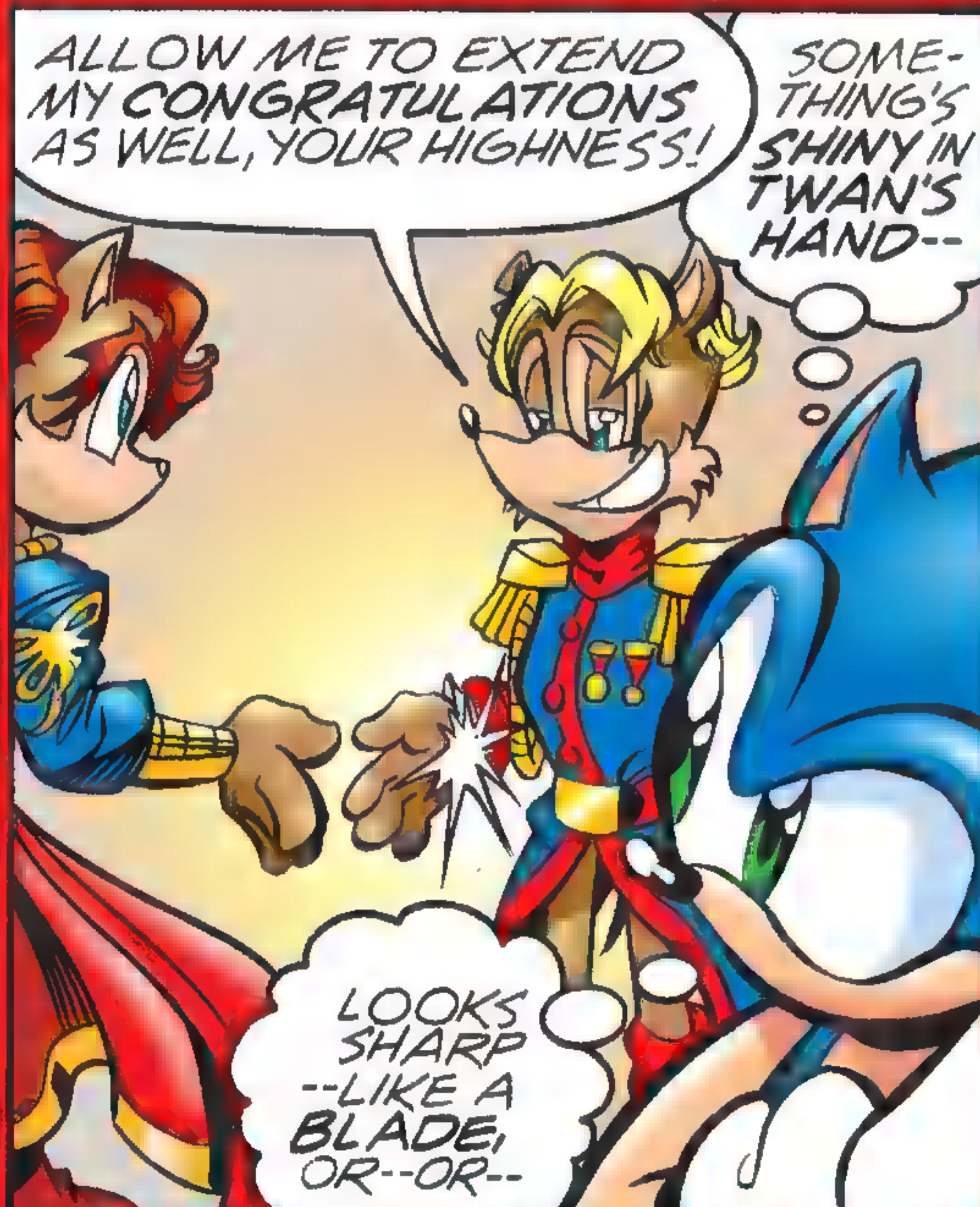


--WITHOUT ANYONE BEING  
AWARE THAT A SIMPLE  
HANDSHAKE WILL BE  
ZEE CATALYST.

AND I  
AS WELL,  
ELIAS!

YOU HAVE  
MY FULL AND  
TOTAL  
SUPPORT!

I'M SPEECHLESS!  
THANK YOU, SALLY!



ALLOW ME TO EXTEND  
MY CONGRATULATIONS  
AS WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS!

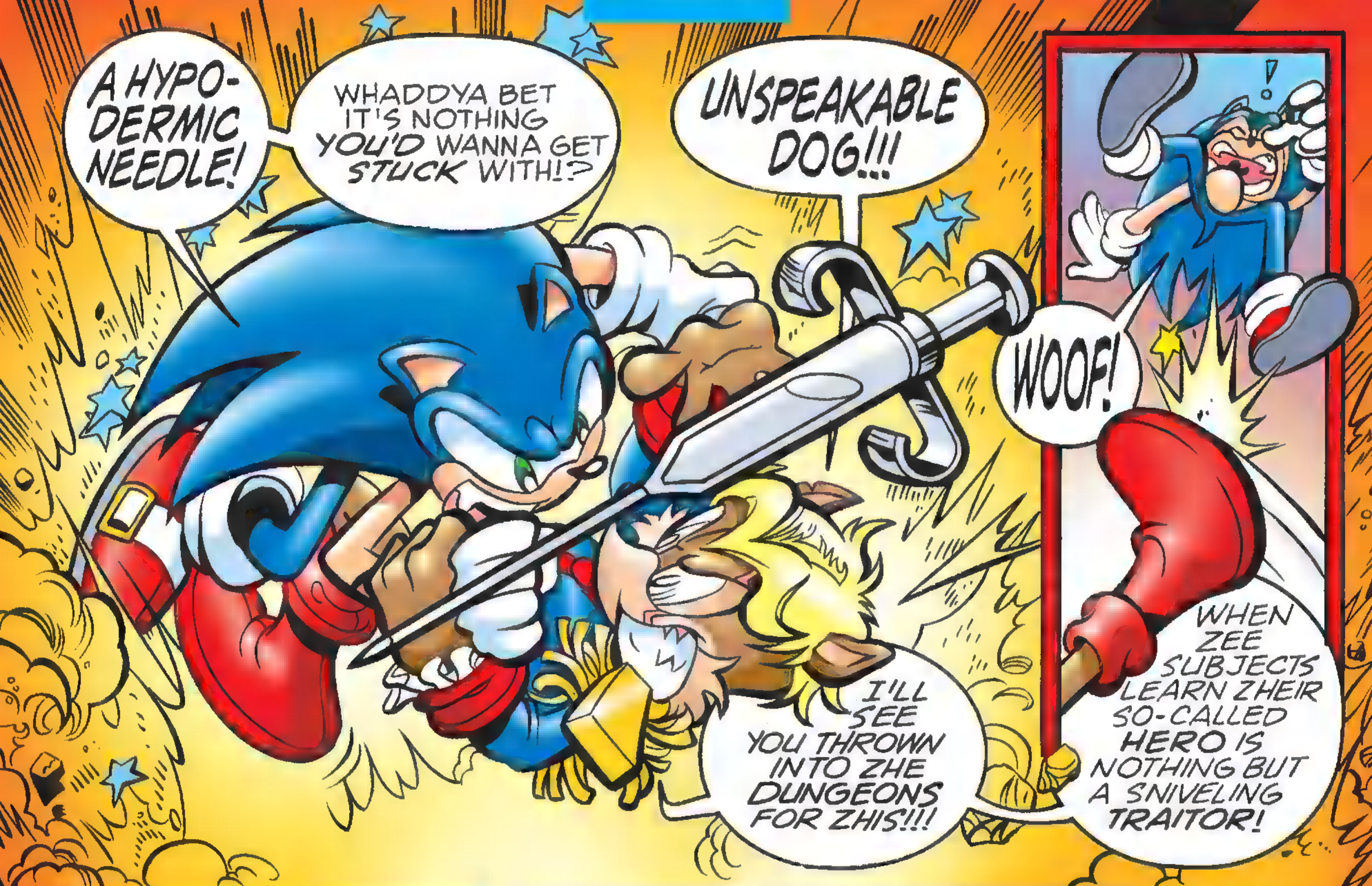
SOME-  
THING'S  
SHINY IN  
TWAN'S  
HAND--

LOOKS  
SHARP  
--LIKE A  
BLADE,  
OR--OR--



GET BACK, YOUR  
HIGHNESS!





A HYPO-  
DERMIC  
NEEDLE!

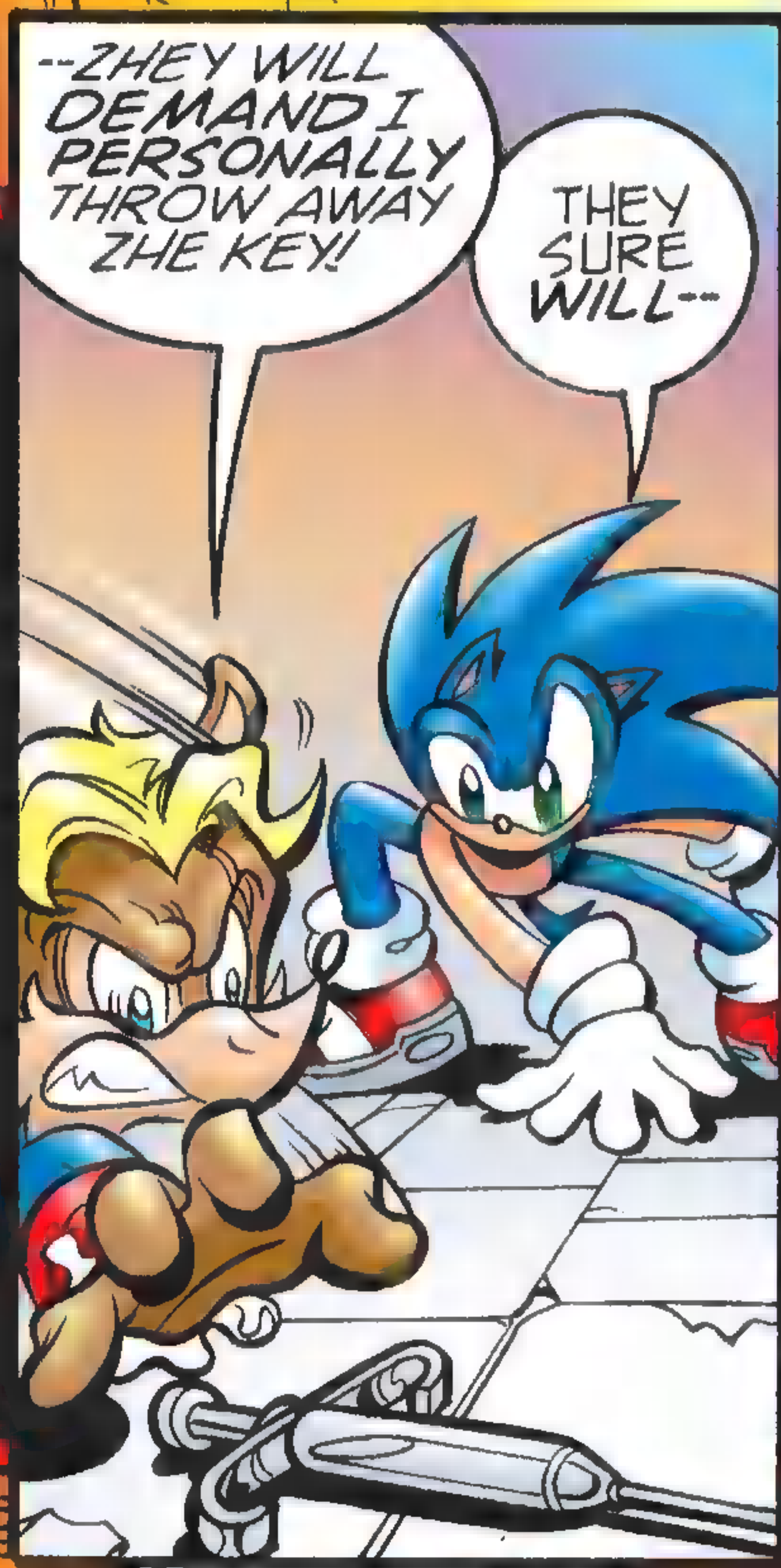
WHADDYA BET  
IT'S NOTHING  
YOU'D WANNA GET  
STUCK WITH!?

UNSPEAKABLE  
DOG!!!

WOOF!

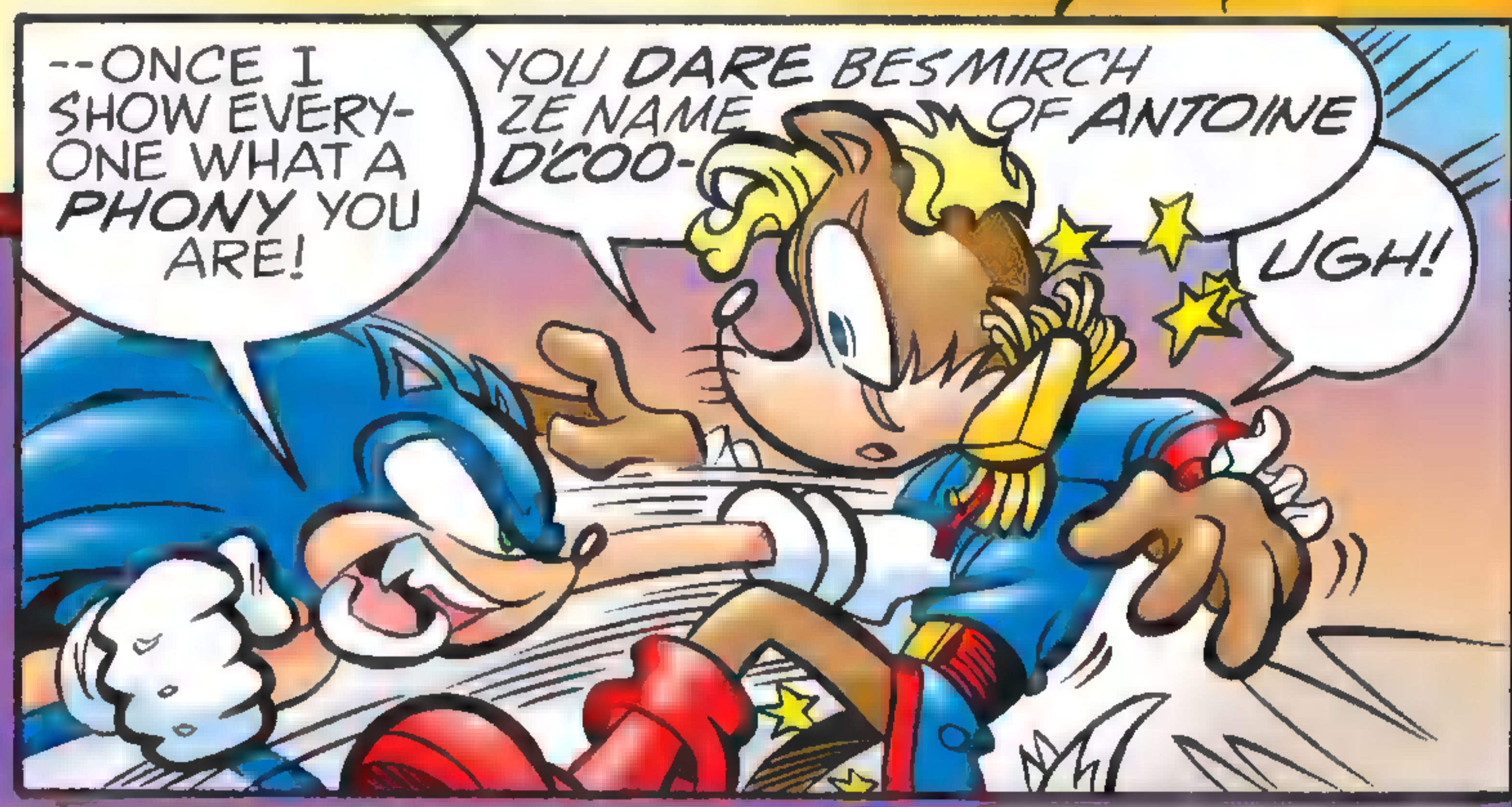
I'LL  
SEE  
YOU THROWN  
INTO ZHE  
DUNGEONS  
FOR ZHIS!!!

WHEN  
ZEE  
SUBJECTS  
LEARN ZHEIR  
SO-CALLED  
HERO IS  
NOTHING BUT  
A SNIVELING  
TRAITOR!



--ZHEY WILL  
DEMAND I  
PERSONALLY  
THROW AWAY  
ZHE KEY!

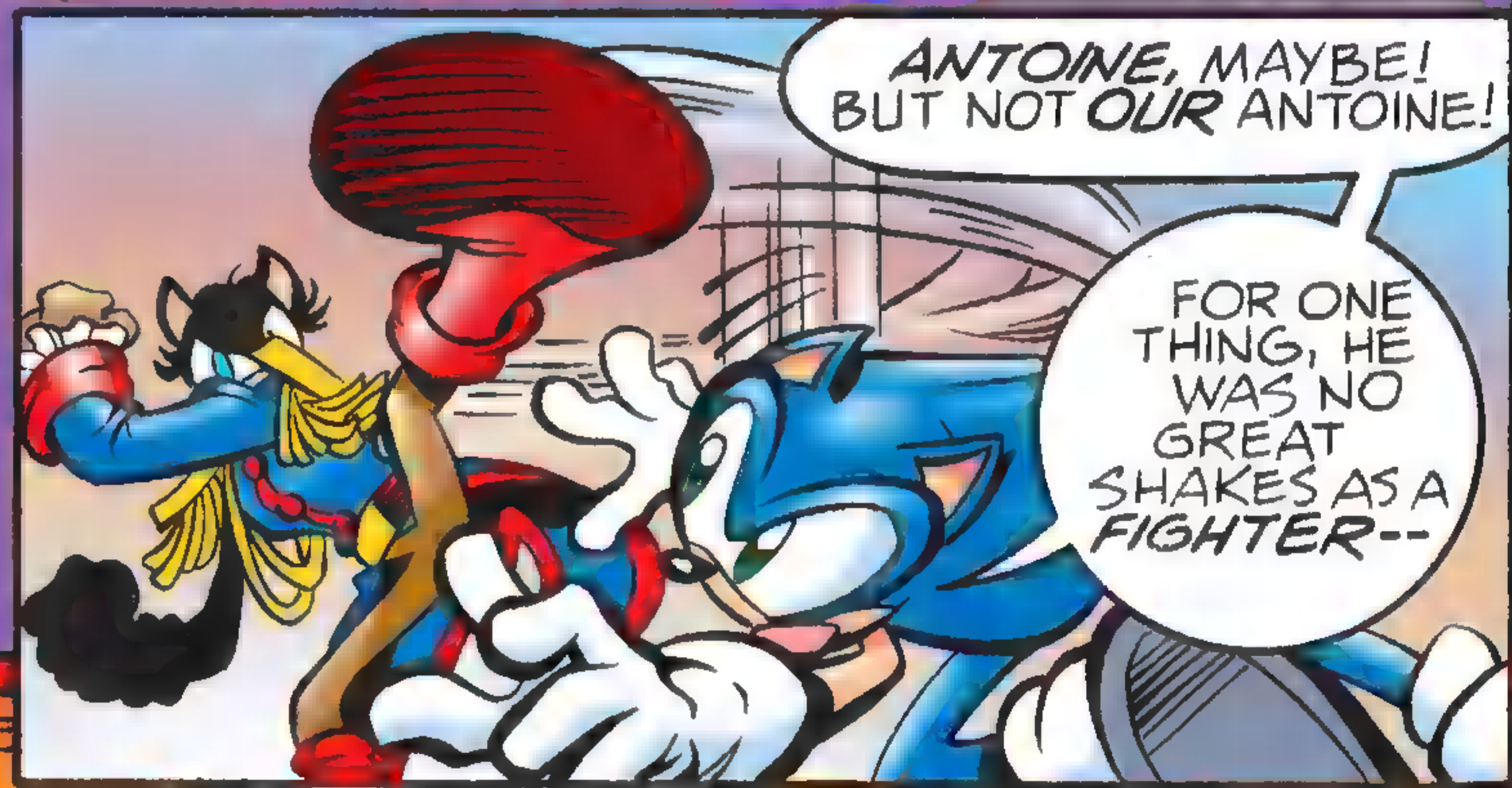
THEY  
SURE  
WILL--



--ONCE I  
SHOW EVERY-  
ONE WHAT A  
PHONY YOU  
ARE!

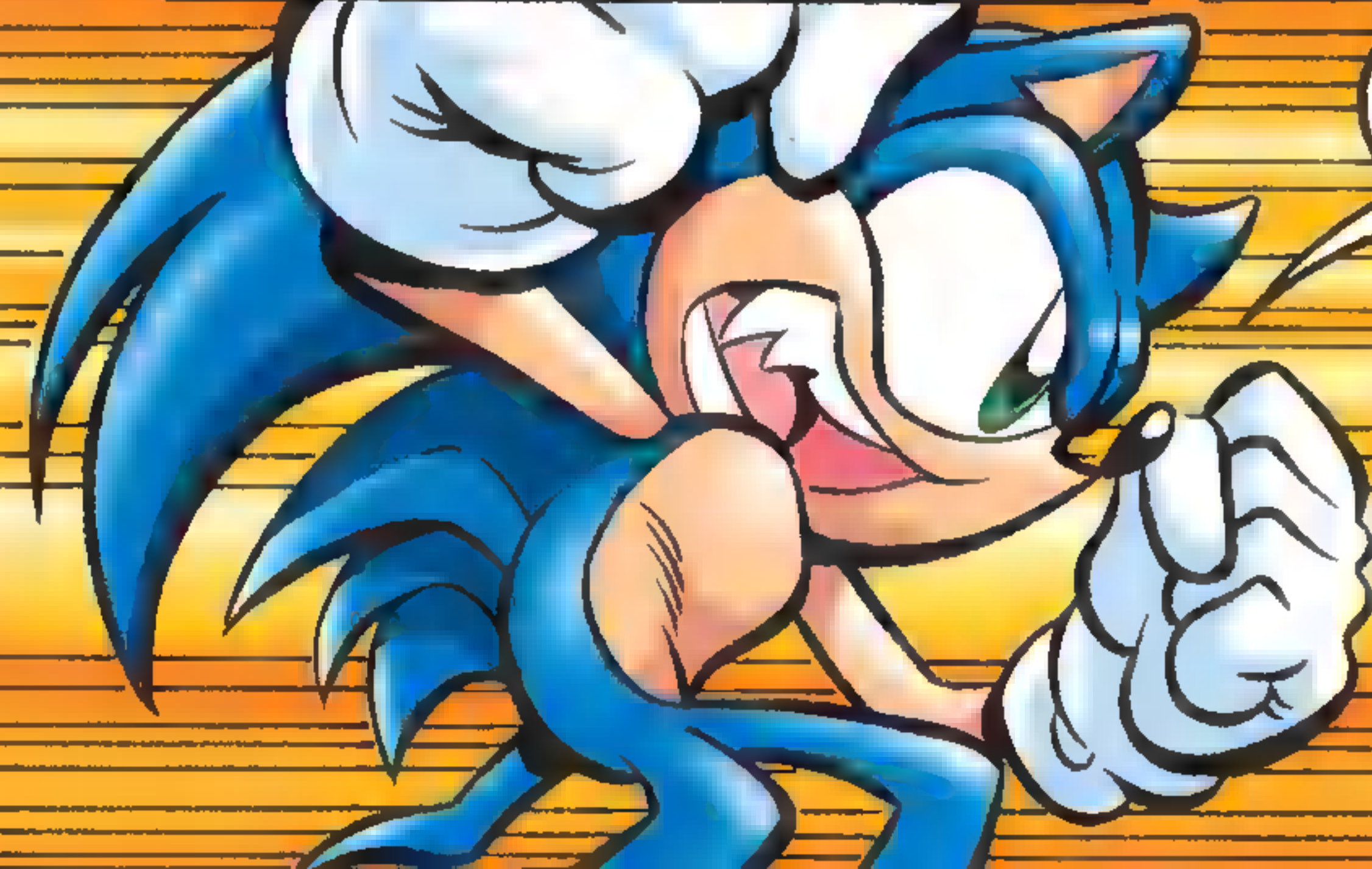
YOU DARE BESMIRCH  
ZE NAME  
D'COO-  
OF ANTOINE

UGH!



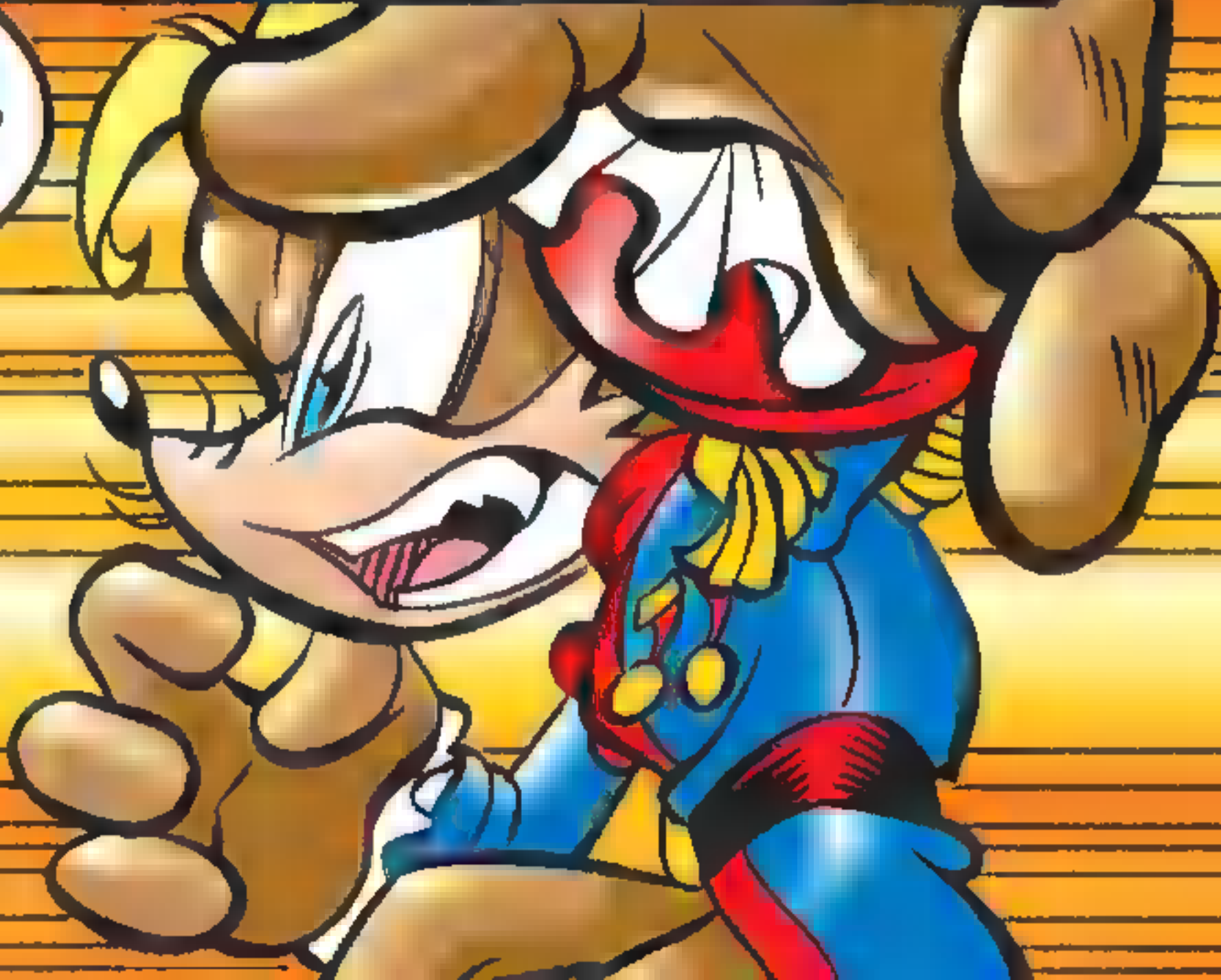
ANTOINE, MAYBE!  
BUT NOT OUR ANTOINE!

FOR ONE  
THING, HE  
WAS NO  
GREAT  
SHAKES AS A  
FIGHTER--



--AND HE TOTALLY  
LACKED A KILLER  
INSTINCT!

BUT  
Y'KNOW WHAT  
THE REAL  
CLINCHER  
WAS?





WHEN NO ONE--  
NOT EVEN BUNNIE--  
COULD EXPLAIN  
HOW YOU GOT  
THAT SCAR!

ONCE  
I ADDED  
TWO PLUS  
TWO--

--IT ONLY  
EQUALED  
ONE THING!...  
YOU'RE EVIL  
ANTOINE!

SO I'M  
TAKING YOU BACK  
WHERE YOU  
BELONG!

I'M  
SURE YOU  
RECOGNIZE  
THIS DOO-  
DAD!\*

BEFORE  
LONG, ON  
ANOTHER  
MOBIUS IN  
ANOTHER  
ZONE...

PSST!  
HEY,  
TWAN!

YOU'RE  
GOING  
HOME!

LET'S JUST SAY  
OUR FRIEND  
ISN'T THE  
COYOTE  
YOU ARE!

THIS  
ISN'T A  
DREAM?  
WE CAN  
REALLY...

YO,  
WAKE  
UP!

OH, SONIC--  
YOU ARE TRULY  
MON AMI!

BUT HOW DID  
YOU LEARN OF MY  
PREDICAMENT?

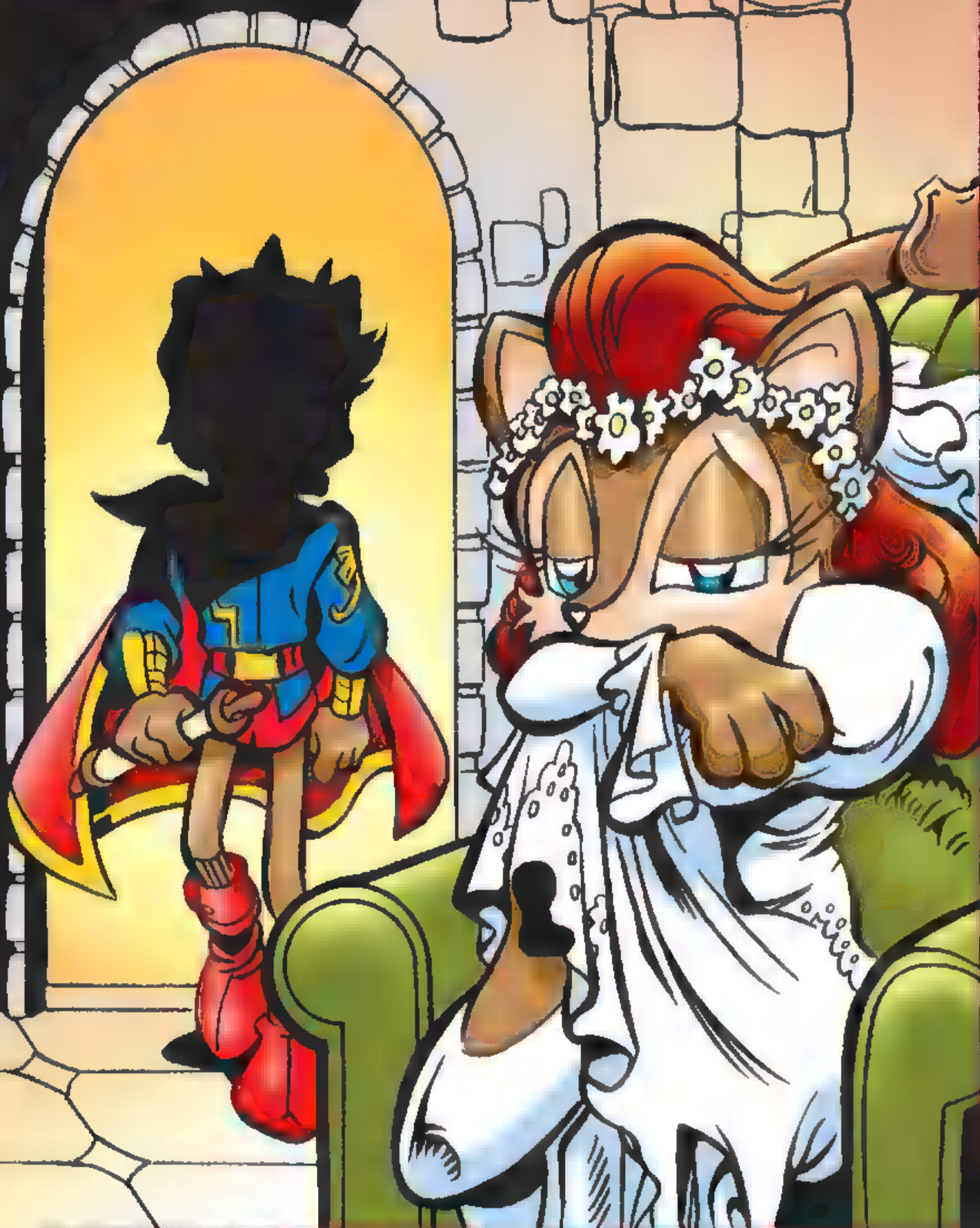
...GET  
BACK?

WITH THIS SPIFFY  
ZONE-LINK  
GENERATOR,  
I CERTAINLY  
HOPE SO!

BESIDES--

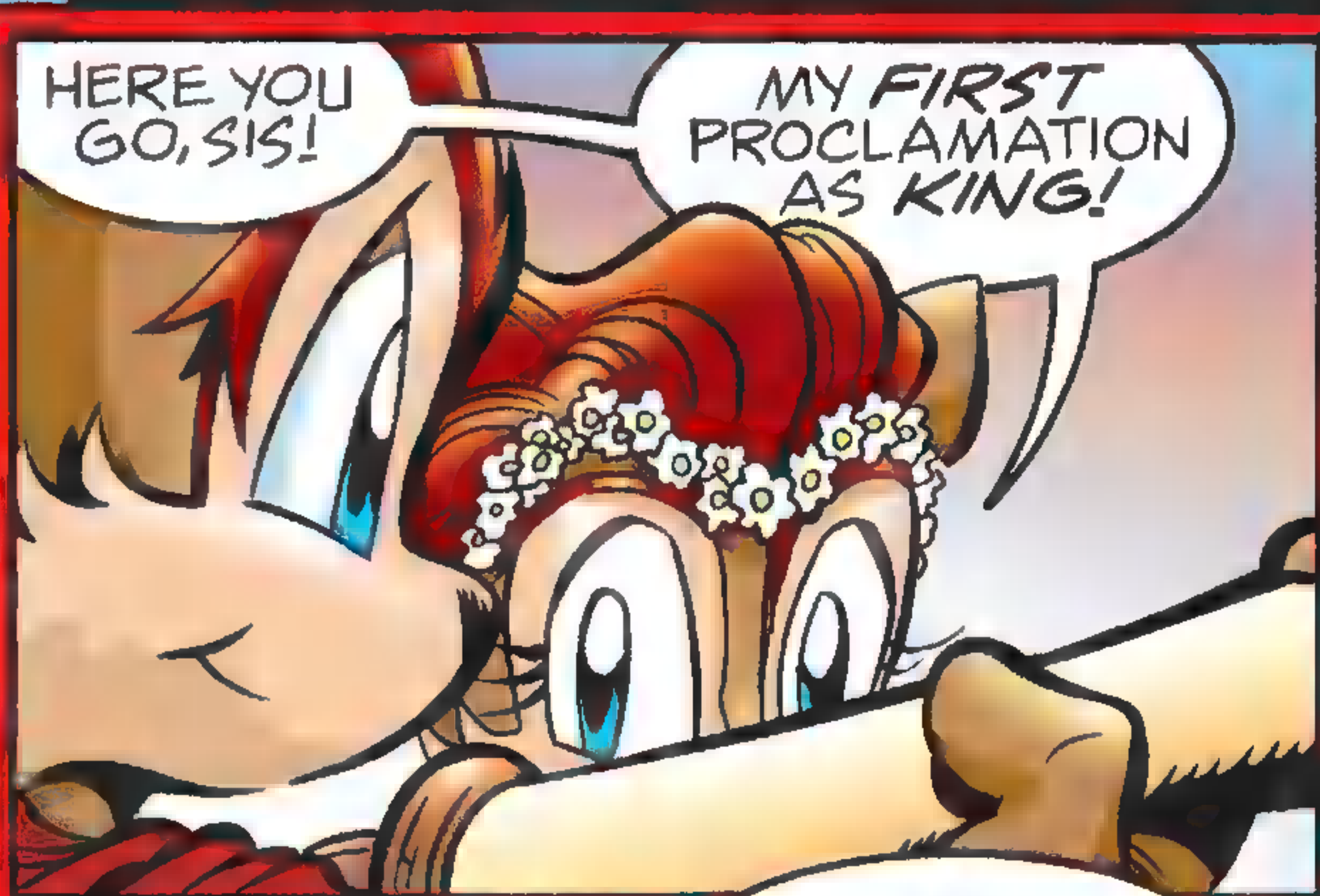


"--IT'S TIME THE GOOD GUYS HAD A HAPPY ENDING FOR A CHANGE!"



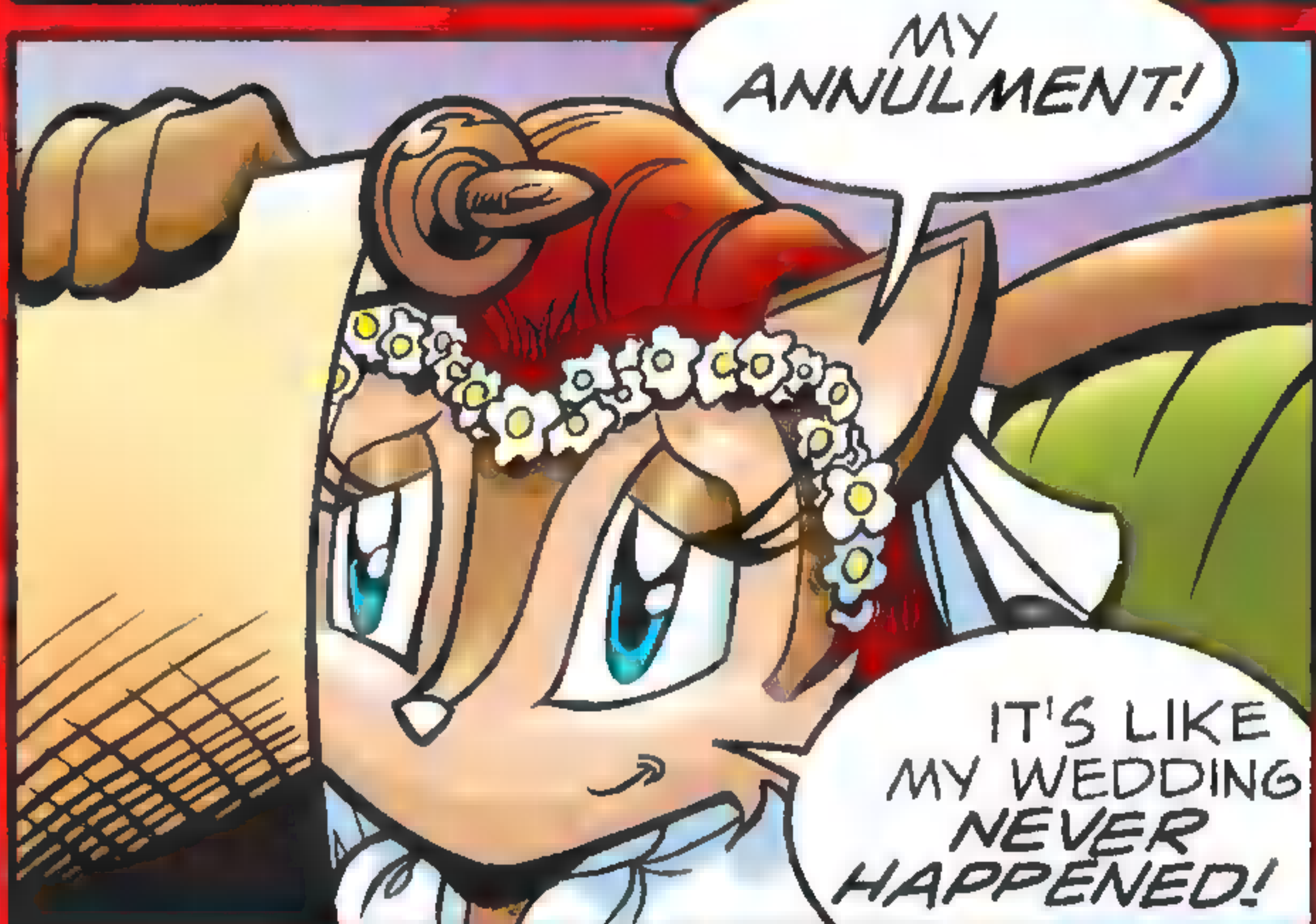
HERE YOU GO, SIS!

MY FIRST PROCLAMATION AS KING!



MY ANNULMENT!

IT'S LIKE MY WEDDING NEVER HAPPENED!



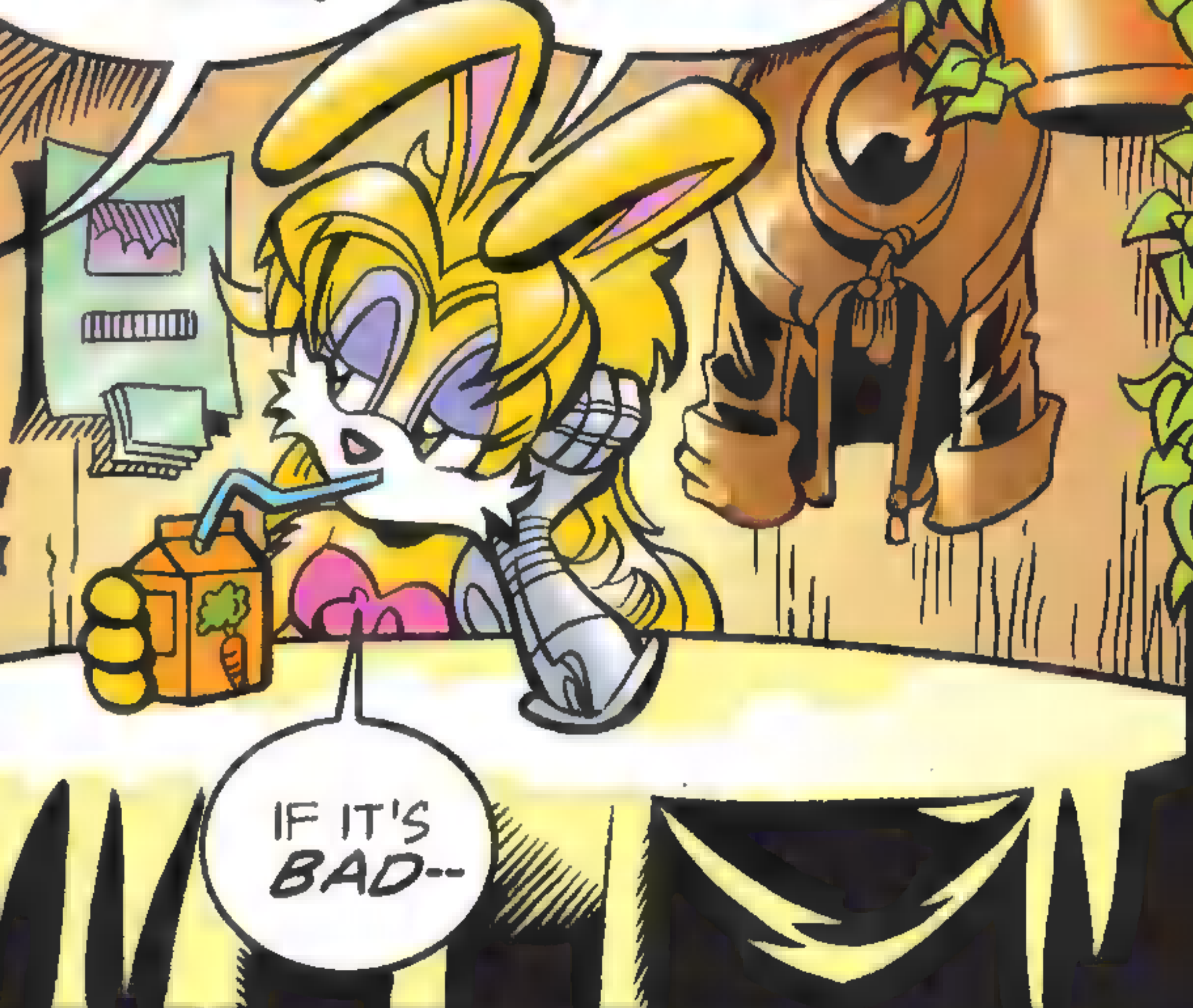
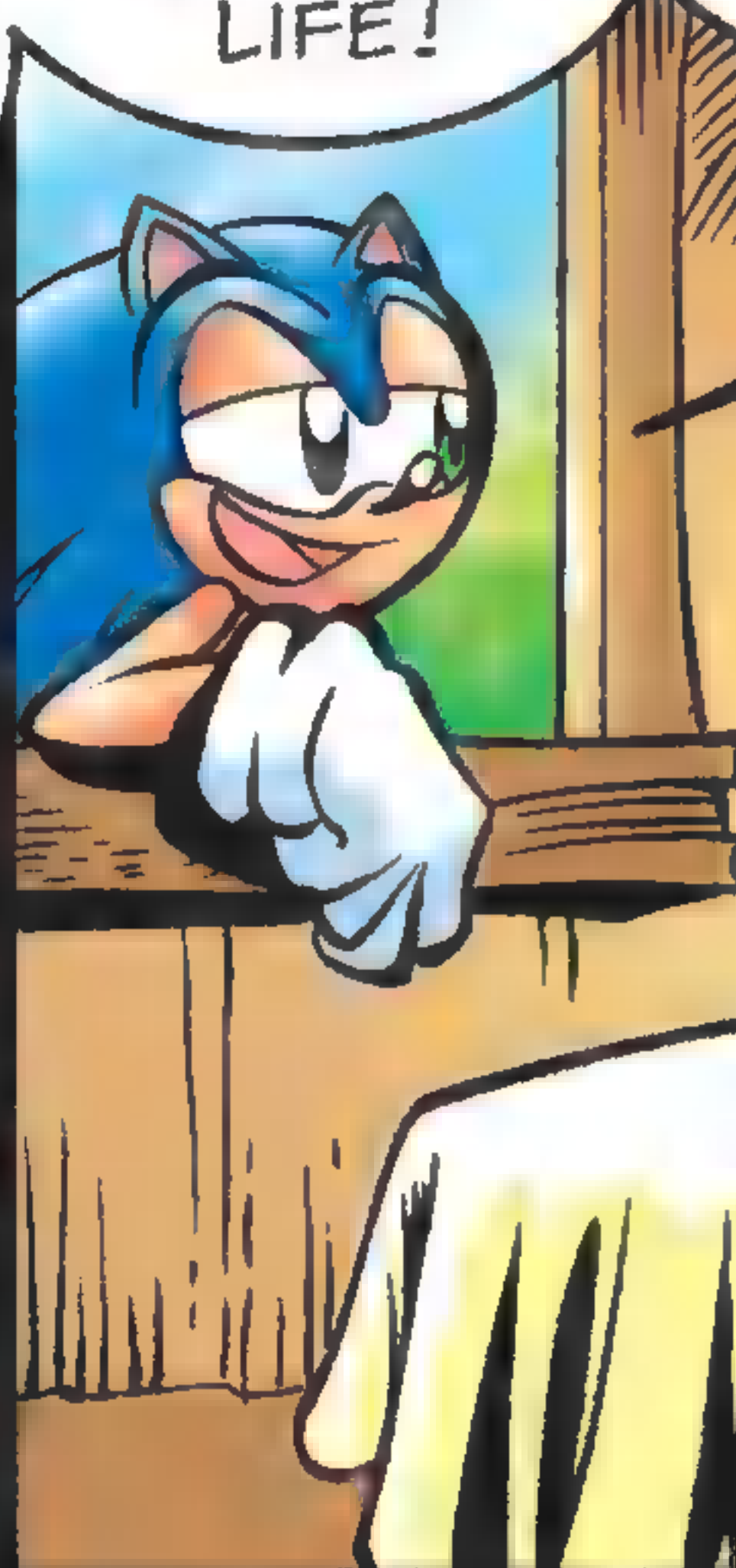
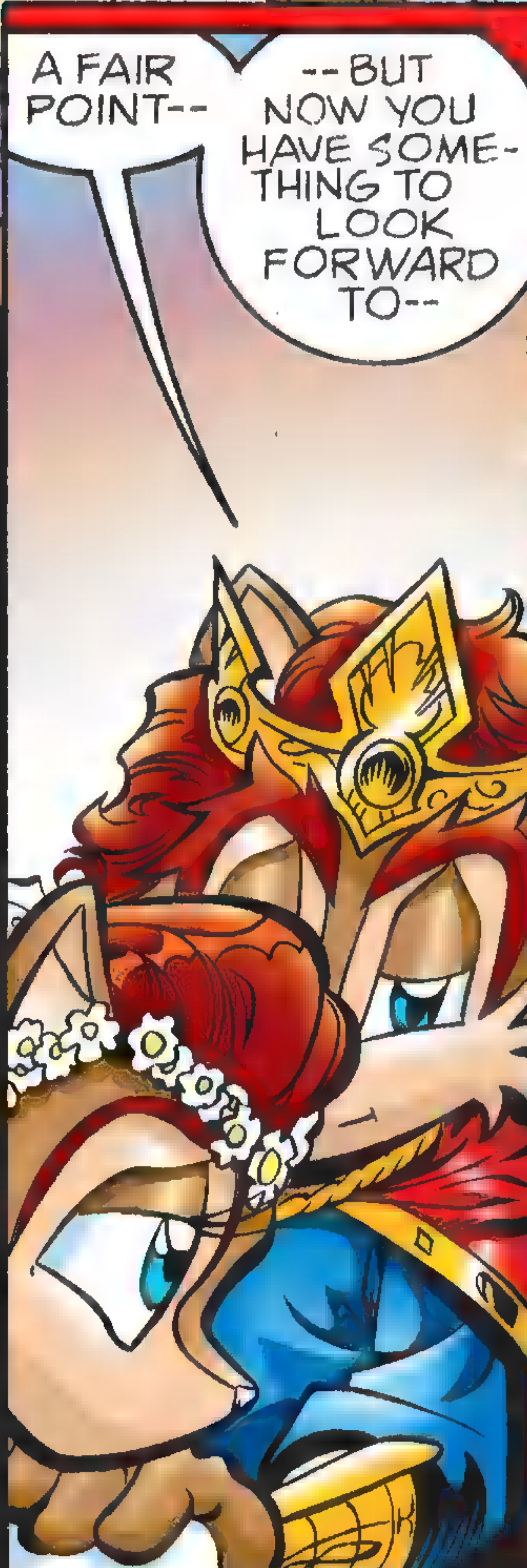
A FAIR POINT--

-- BUT NOW YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--

--WITH THE **TRUE LOVE** OF YOUR LIFE!

HEY, BABE, GOT A MINUTE FOR A FRIEND?

IF IT'S GOOD NEWS, WHY, YEAH, SUGAH HOG!



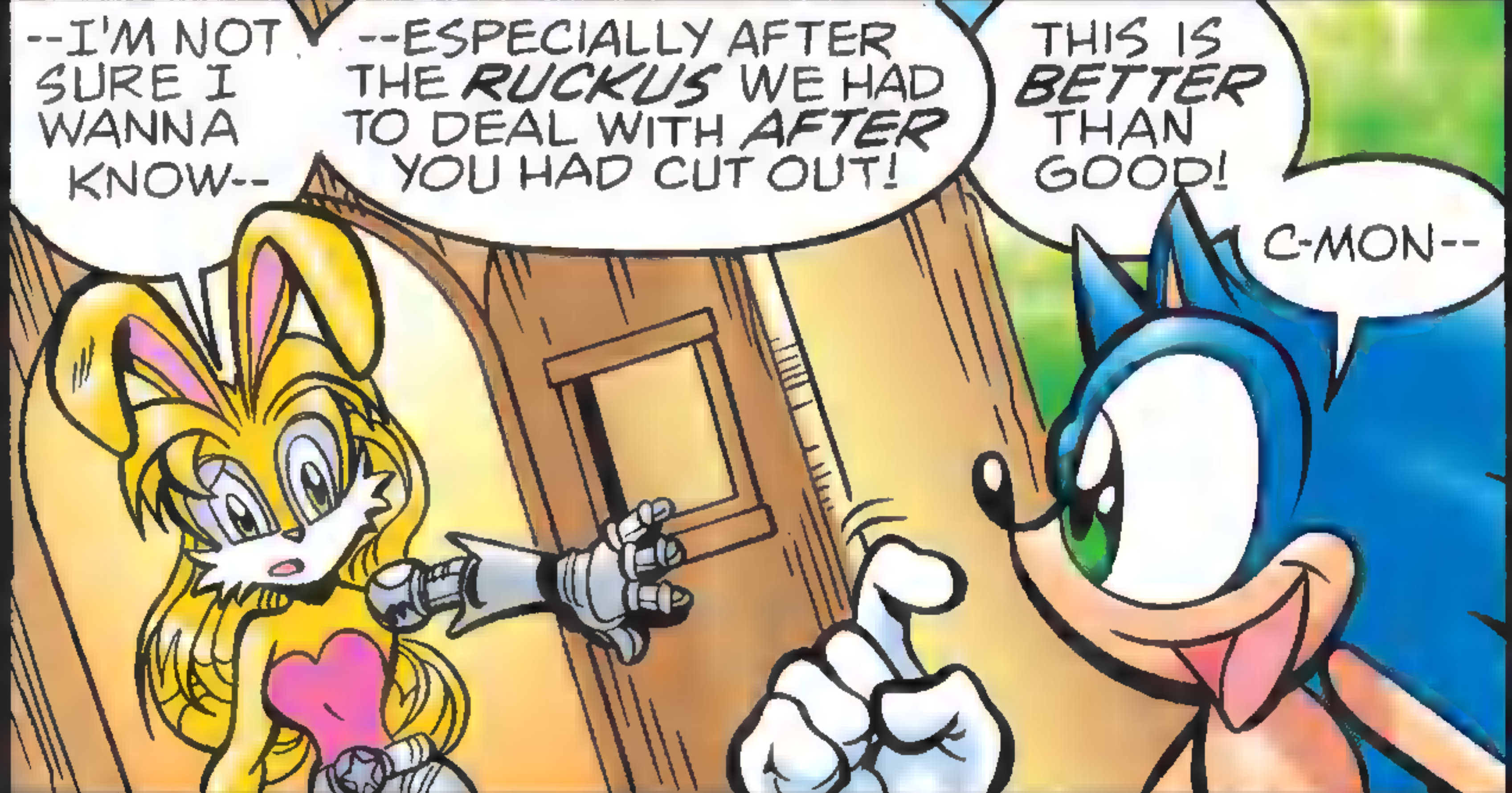
IF IT'S BAD--

--I'M NOT SURE I WANNA KNOW--

--ESPECIALLY AFTER THE **RUCKUS** WE HAD TO DEAL WITH AFTER YOU HAD CUT OUT!

THIS IS **BETTER** THAN GOOD!

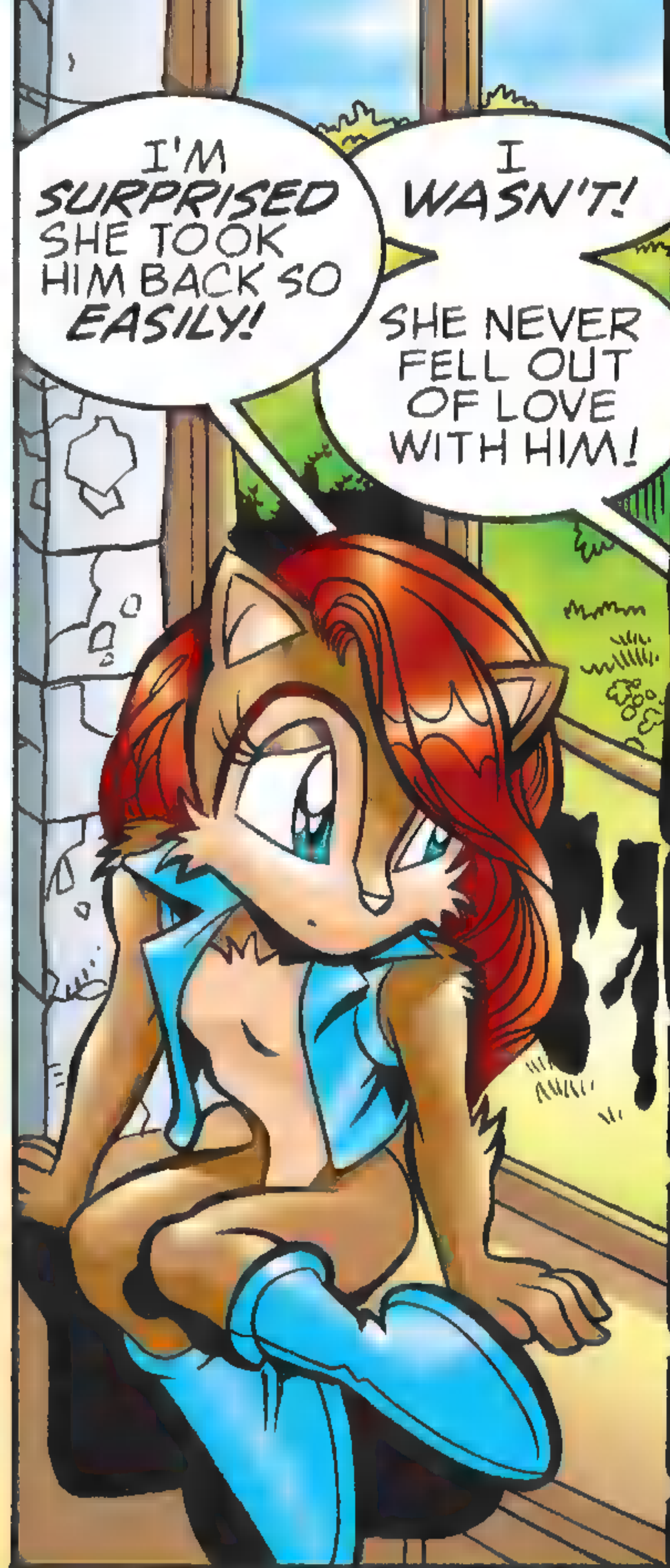
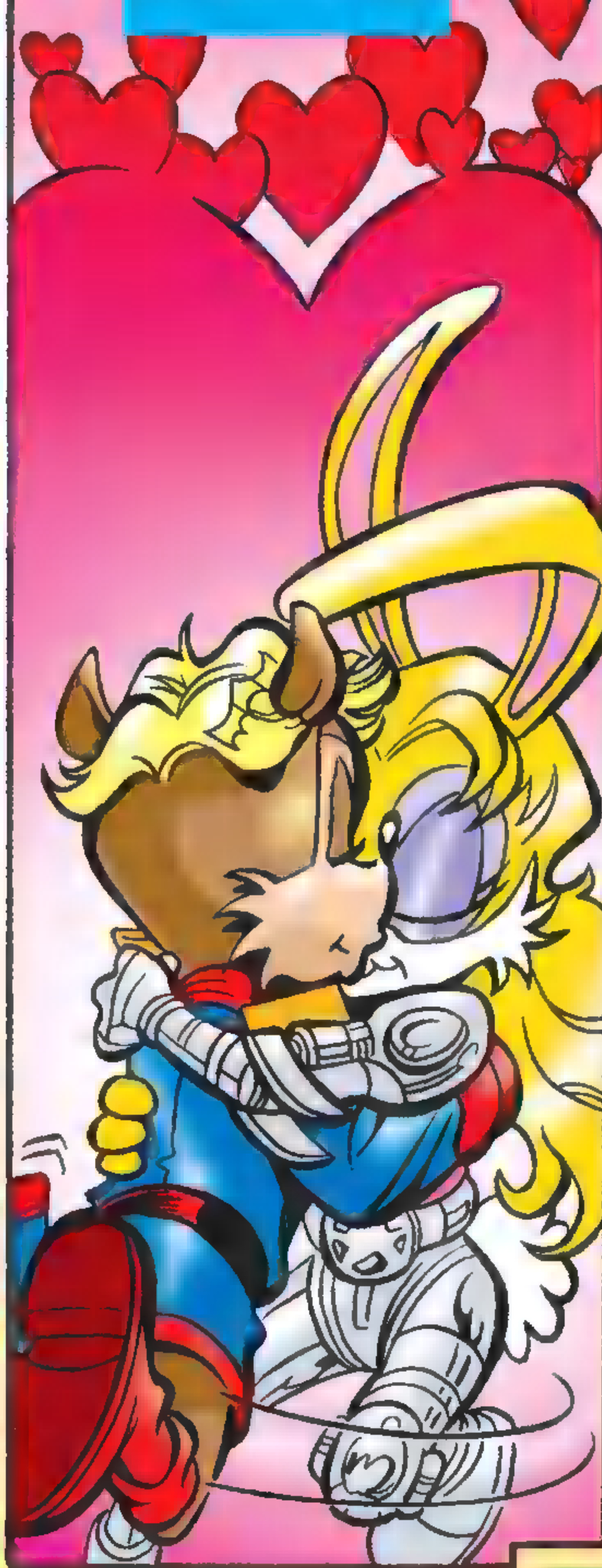
C-MON--







--AND MEET *SOMEONE* WHO'S BEEN *MISSING* YOU FOR A LONG TIME!



I'M *SURPRISED* SHE TOOK HIM BACK SO *EASILY*!

I *WASN'T*! SHE NEVER FELL OUT OF LOVE WITH HIM!



HOW CAN YOU SAY *THAT*?

I SAW HER PUTTING THE *MOVES* ON YOU NOT TOO LONG AGO!

OH, *THAT*!

SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO *PROVOKE* TWAN!

*RIIIIGHT*!



AND THAT'S *ALL* IT WAS?

PRETTY MUCH!

NOW THAT WE'VE SETTLED THAT, WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE *US*?



US?

WE'RE *YOUNG* AND THERE'S NO RUSH!

YEAH, I DO, DON'T I?

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO *SWEET TALK* A GIRL OFF HER FEET!

**Next:  
SHADOW IS  
BACK!**



# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

PRESENTS

# DULCY

## THE DRAGON

IN

# THE PRICE OF FLAME

## PART TWO

HEY, EVERYBODY--  
LAST ISSUE WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DULCY. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT PROTECTED UNDER THE PLANET BY DISTANCE AND ANCIENT MAGIC, ROBOTICIZED DRAGONS HAD SURVIVED! ROBOTNIK, HAS USED THE ROBIAN DRAGONS TO ATTACK THE LAST OF THE FREE DRAGONS LIVING INSIDE THE VOLCANO HOME OF THE SECRET CITY OF VESUVIUS!

SURRENDER AND ACCEPT ROBOTICIZATION! RESIST AND YOU PERISH! THIS VOLCANO AND ITS VAST ENERGY RESOURCES NOW BELONG TO ROBOTNIK!

SOUND THE ALARM!

ALERT THE ELDERS!

GET THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY!

\*You saw it last issue. If not, go get one... We'll wait!--Mikeditor

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OOOHHH... I'M SORRY, Z-ZUH-ZAN... IT WAS MY FLUH-FAULT\*... UHHH-- WHAT THE--?! THAT SUH-SOUND---

**THRRAK PYOW**

\*A reference to her abusive domestic partner as seen in STH #107. --MP

**TZLO!**

**A/EEEE!**

MY GOSH NOW I REMEMBER-- MECHA-DRAGONS! VESUVIO'S BEING ATTACKED!

**EEEEYAH!**

NOW JOIN OUR MECHA-WORLD, CHILD!

NO-- PLEASE DON'T!

BACK OFF, ROBO-BULLY!

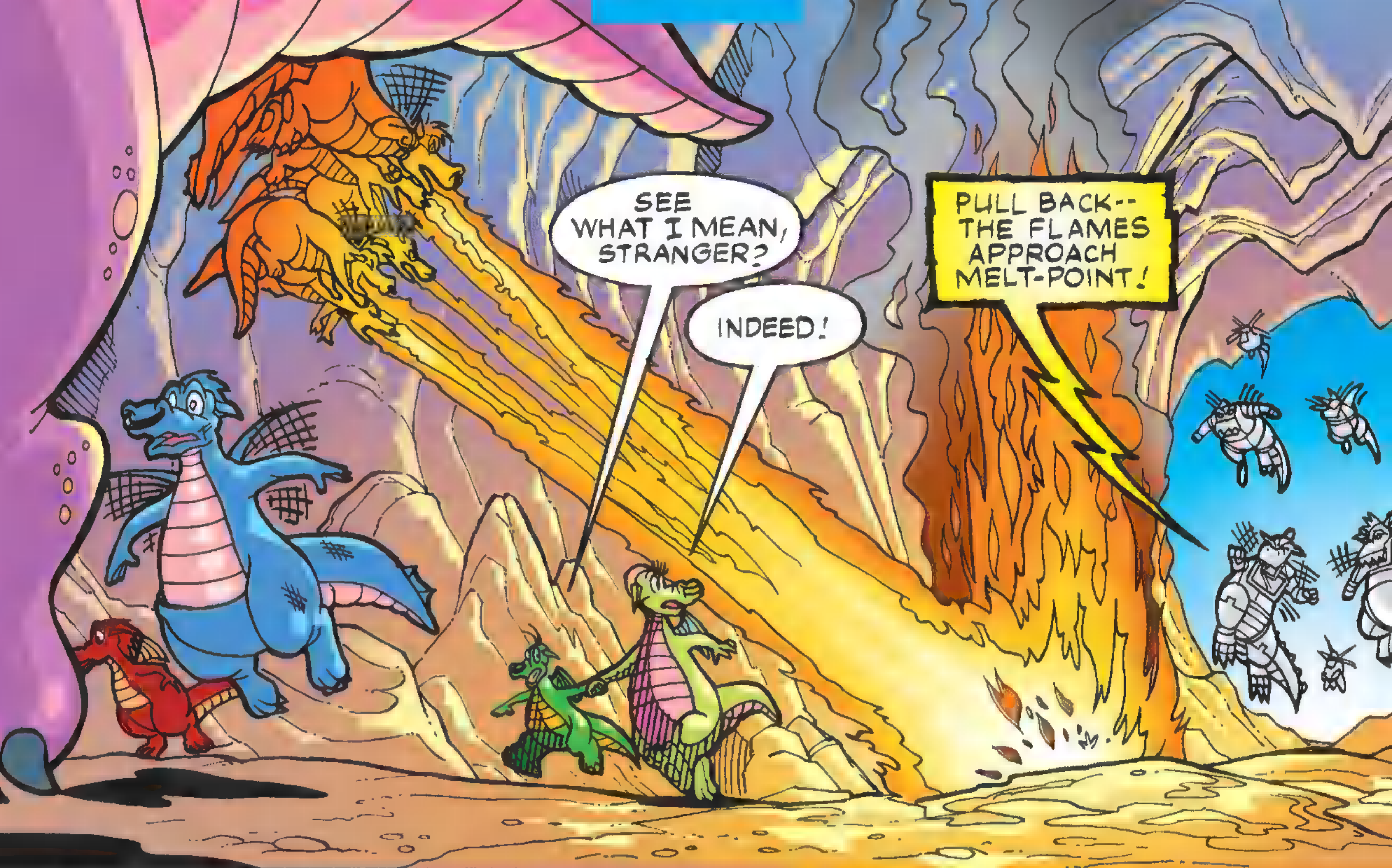
**WHAROOM!**

**BZZT-SQUAWK!**

THANKS, STRANGER! MY NAME'S SPARKY. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, BUT HURRY! THE DEFENDERS ARE ABOUT TO LAY DOWN A SUPPRESSING FIRE!

**??**





SEE  
WHAT I MEAN,  
STRANGER?

INDEED!

PULL BACK--  
THE FLAMES  
APPROACH  
MELT-POINT!

THAT'S A PRETTY AWESOME  
DEFENSIVE STRATEGY!

YES, BUT  
THEY CAN'T KEEP  
IT UP FOREVER! WE  
NEED A BATTLE  
PLAN! CAN YOU  
HELP US  
STRANGER?

WE WANT NO  
HELP FROM YOU,  
DULCINEA!

GLINT!

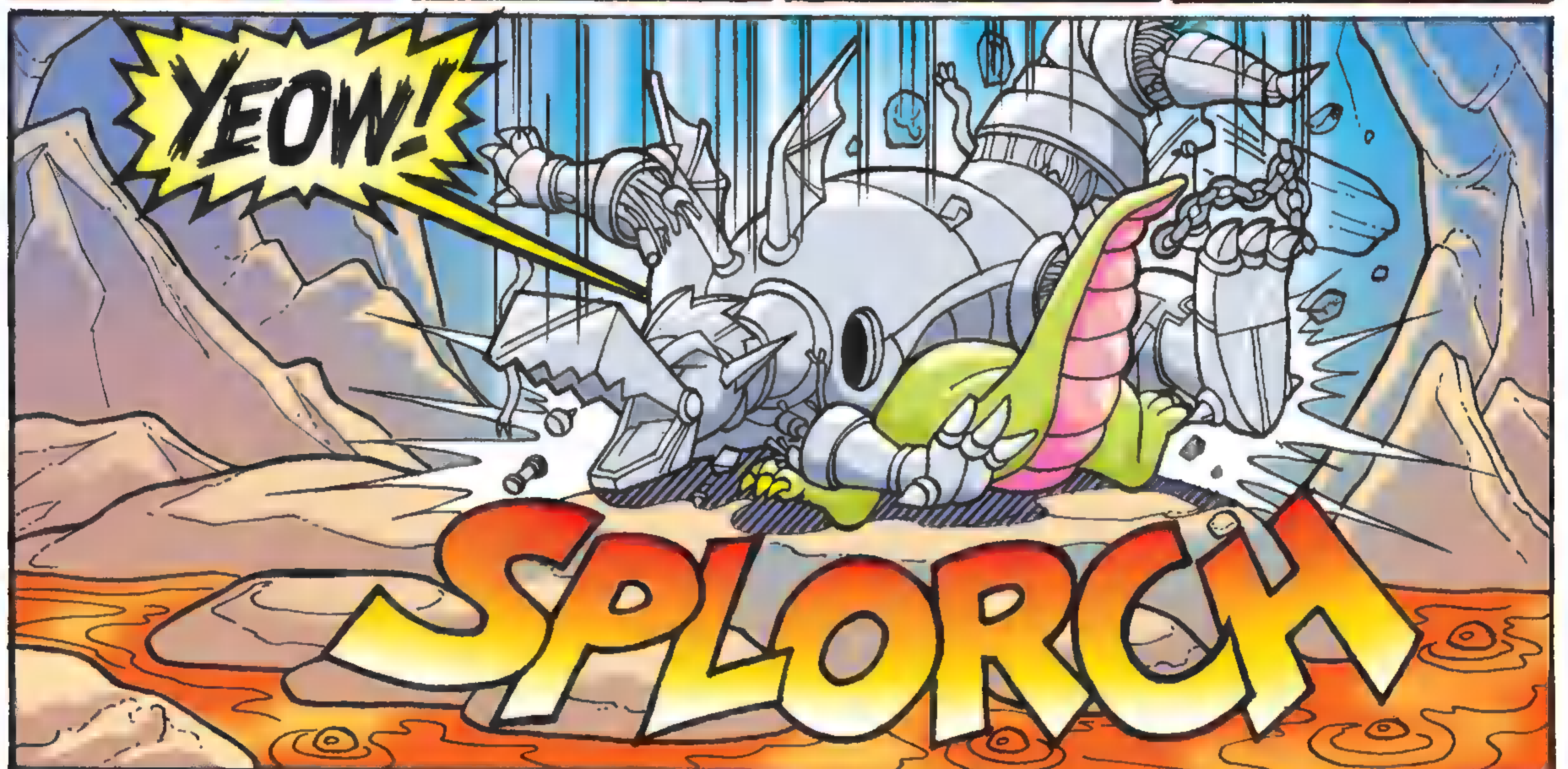
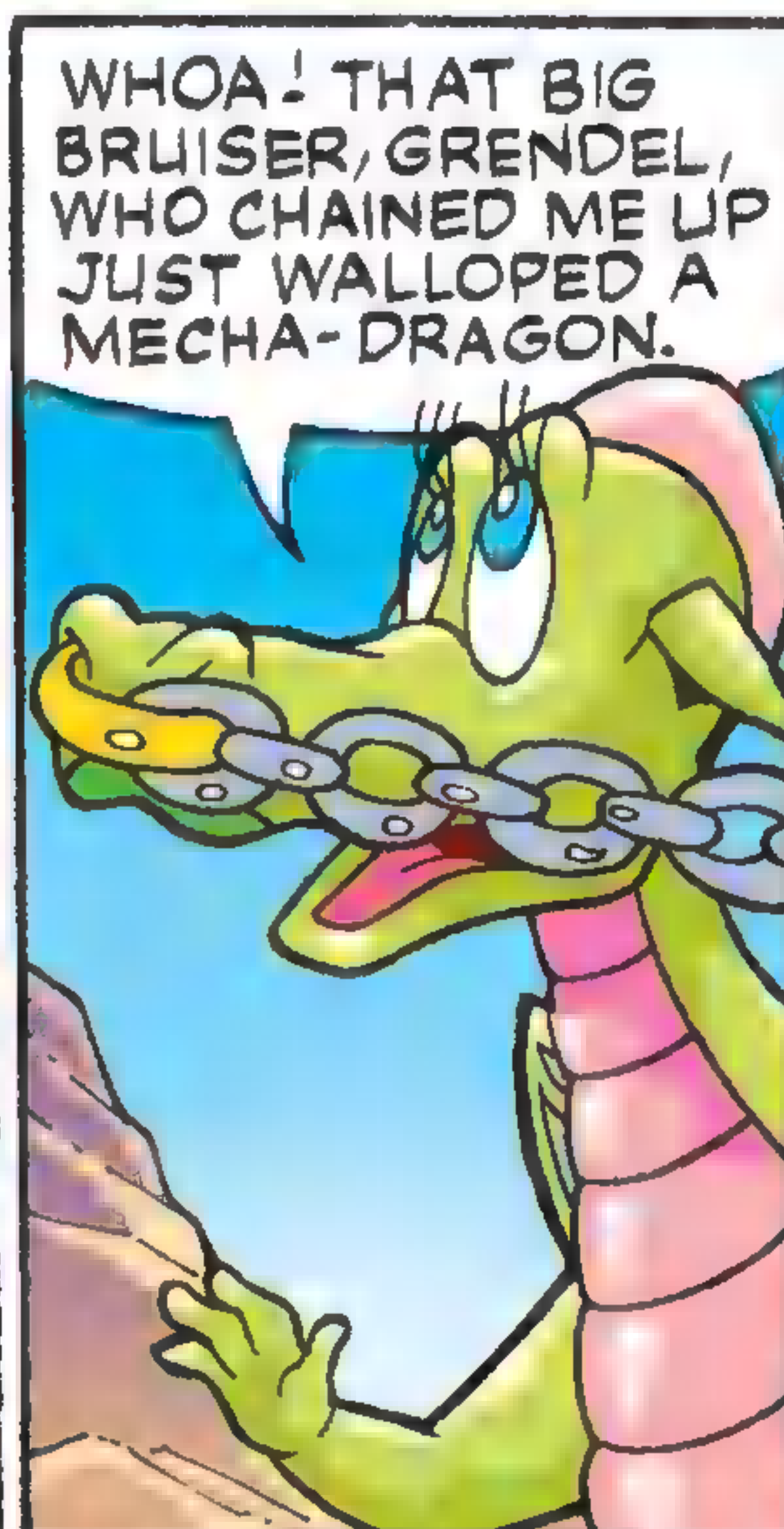
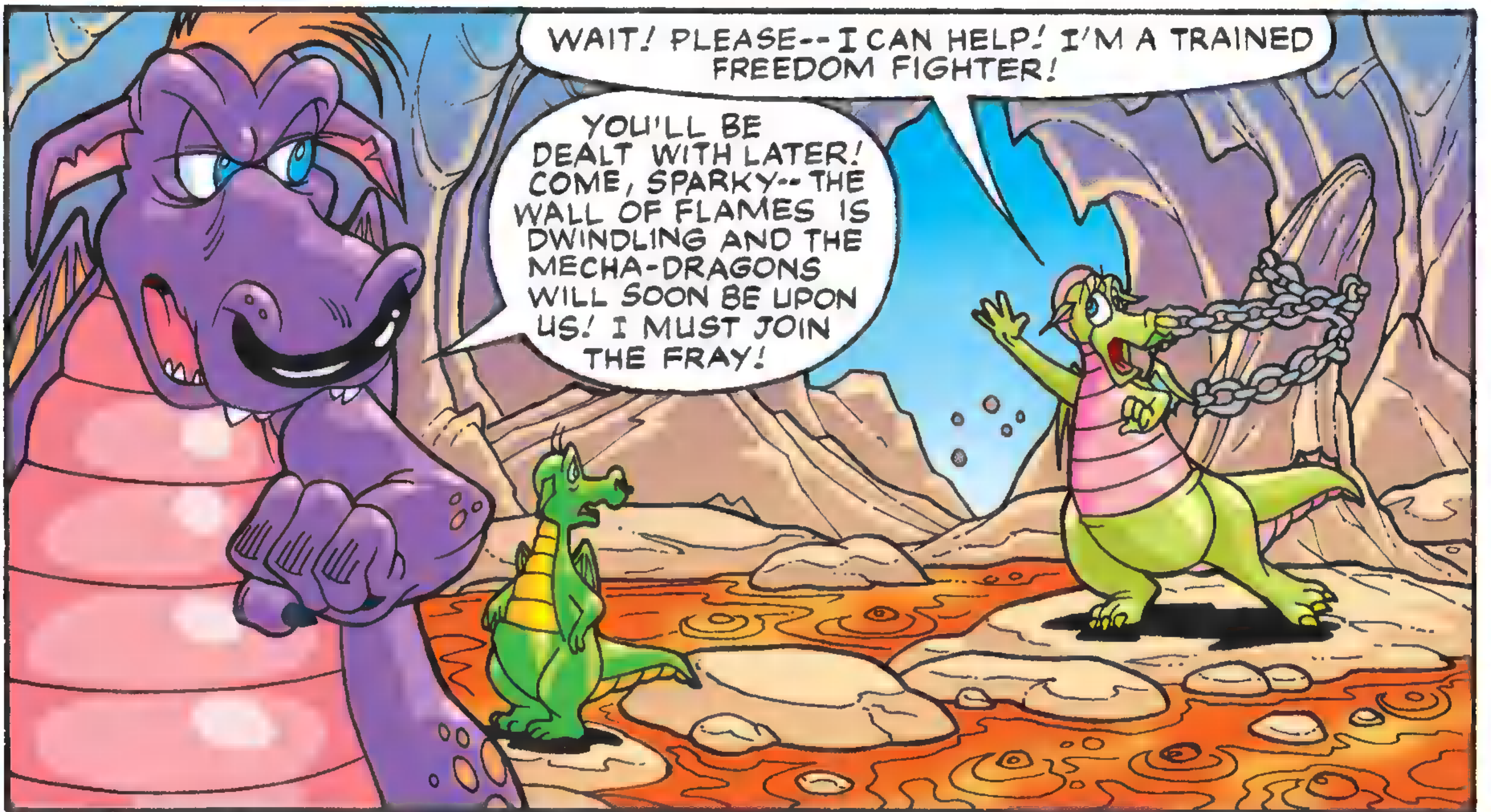
TRAITOROUS WENCH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN  
YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INVASION  
OF UPPERWORLDERS! TAKE HER TO THE  
PILLORY AT ONCE!

NO!  
GRENDL, STOP!  
YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!  
SHE SAVED  
ME!

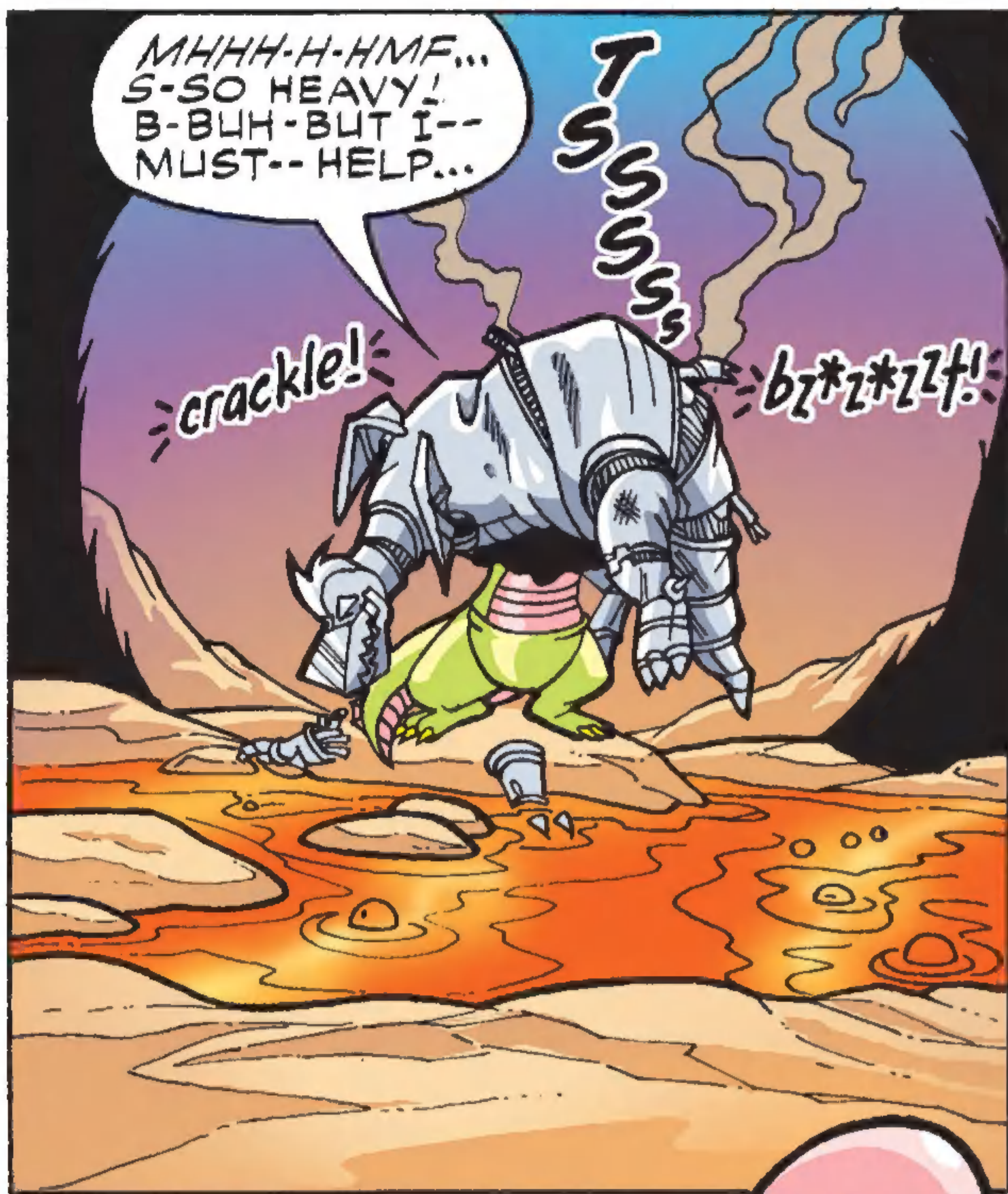
OW! OW!  
OW!

SILENCE,  
SPARKY! YOU  
RISK MUCH, EVEN  
IN THIS TIME OF  
CRISIS!







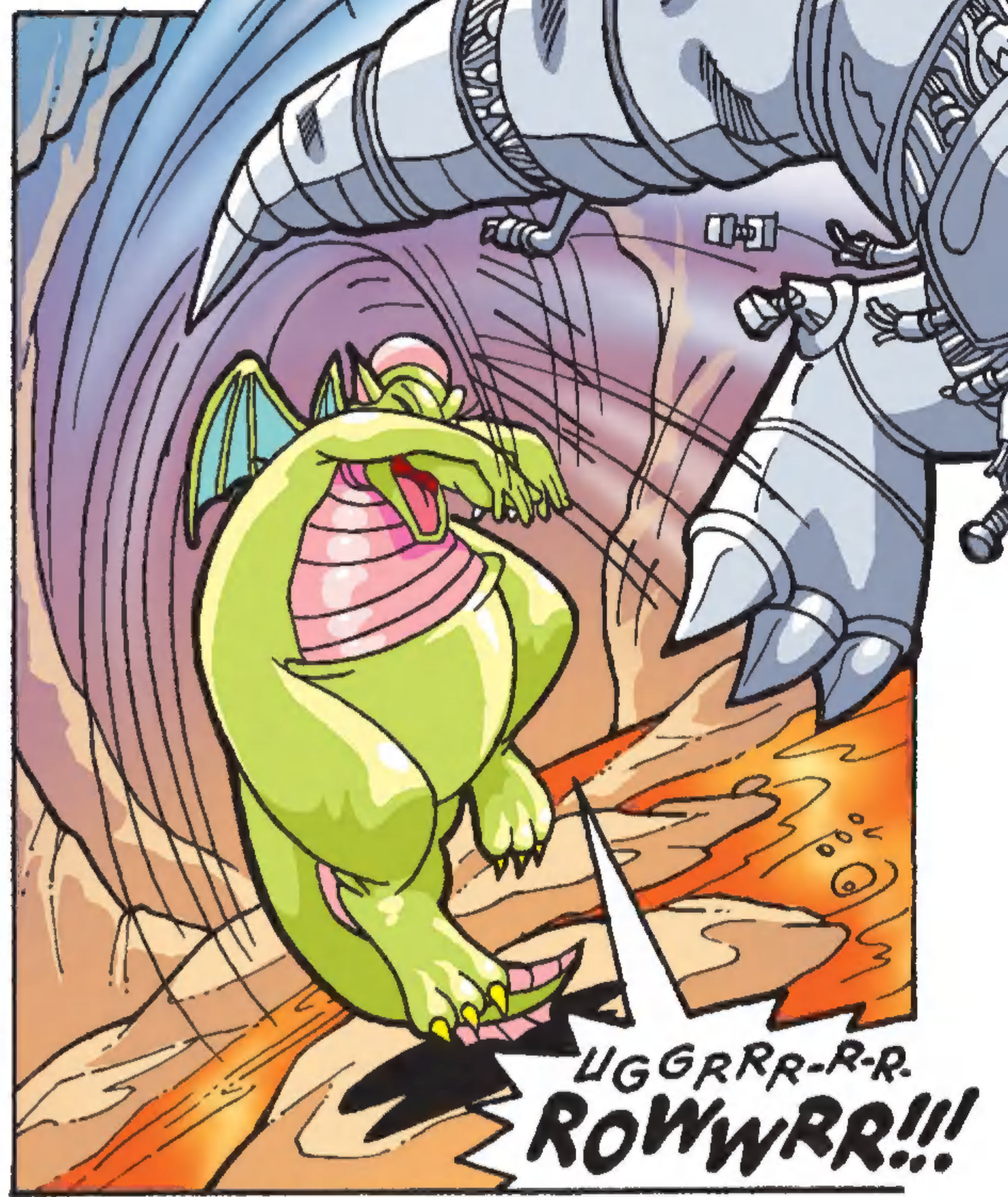


MHHH-H-HMF...  
S-SO HEAVY!  
B-BUH-BUT I--  
MUST-- HELP...

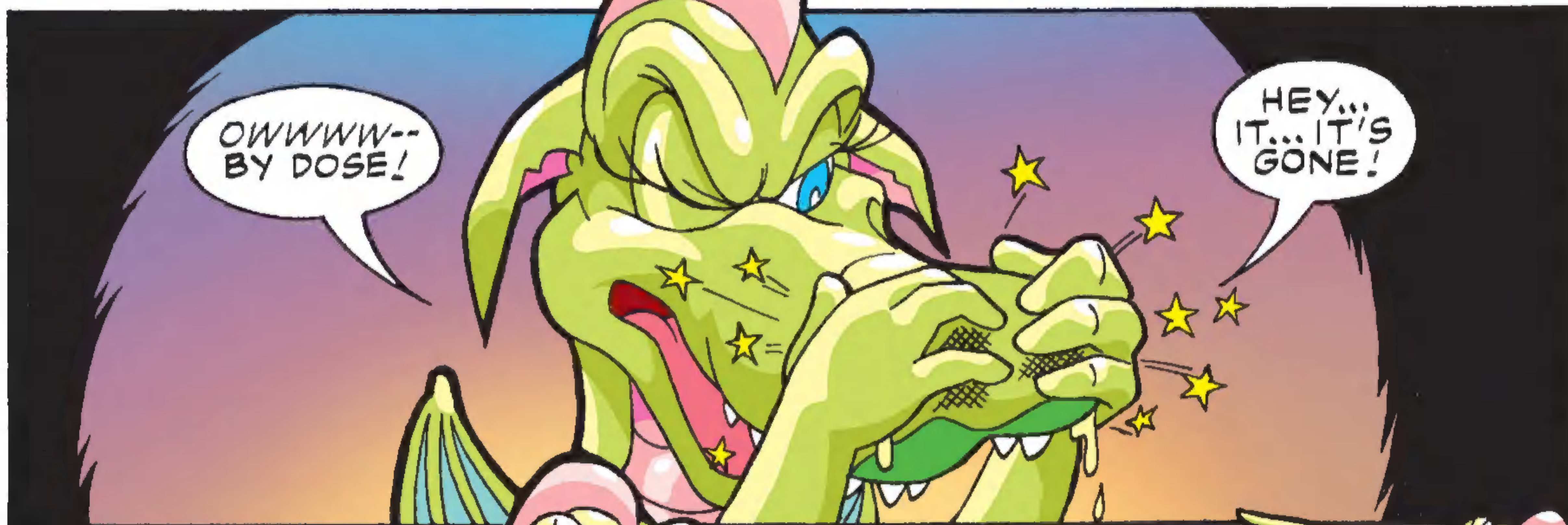
crackle!

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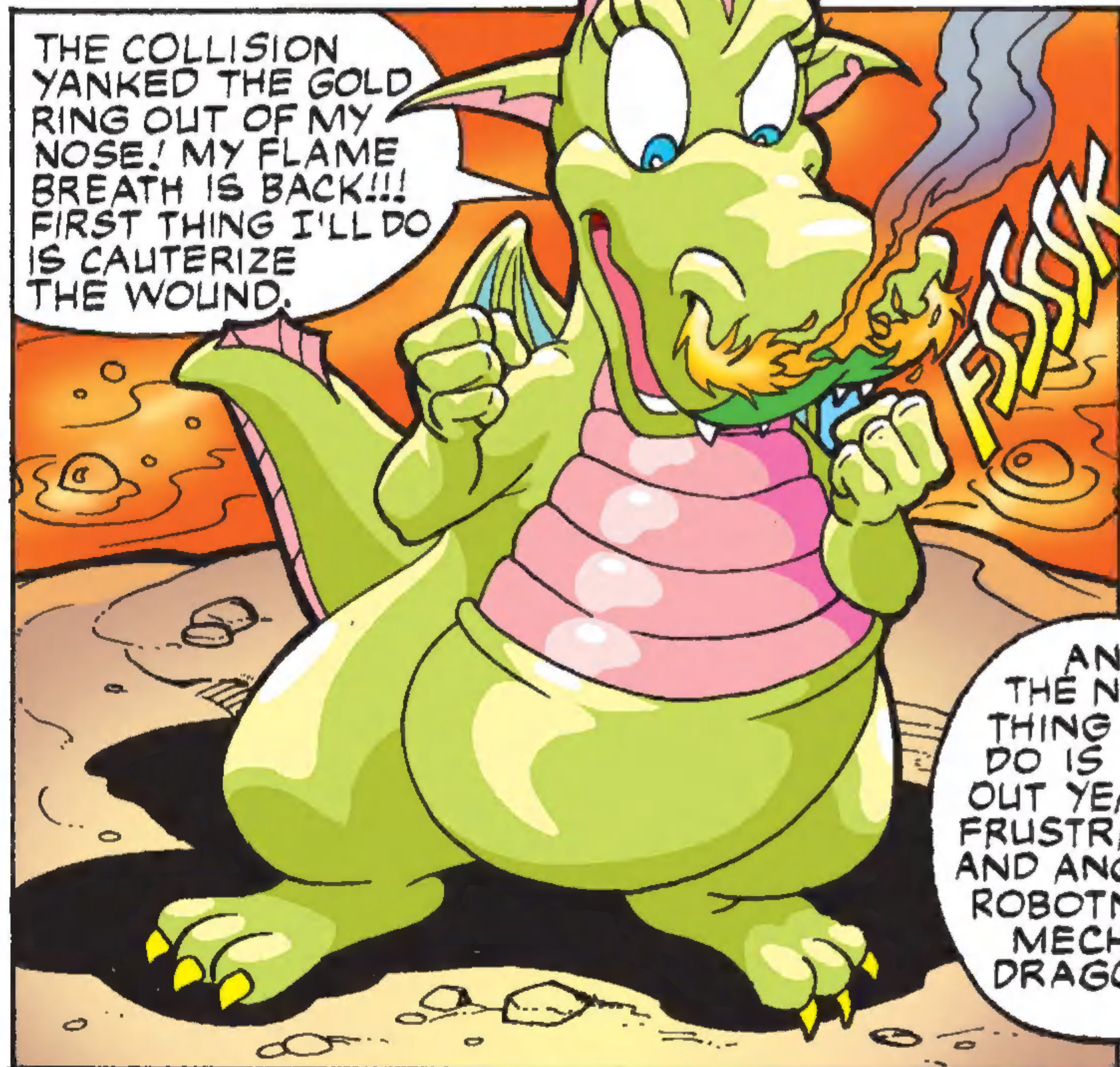


UGGRRR-R-R  
ROWWRR!!!

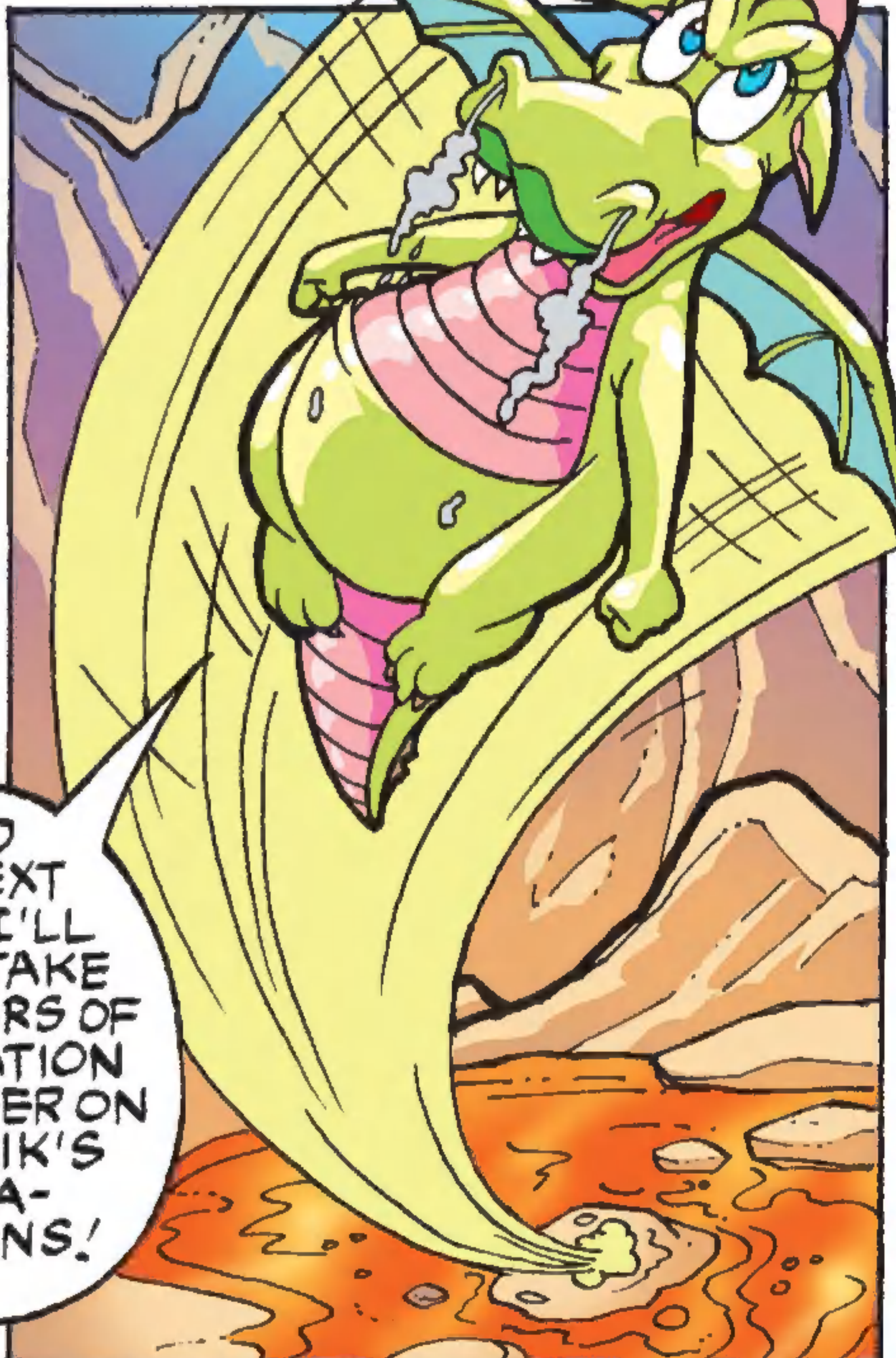


OWWWW--  
BY DOSE!

HEY...  
IT... IT'S  
GONE!



THE COLLISION  
YANKED THE GOLD  
RING OUT OF MY  
NOSE! MY FLAME  
BREATH IS BACK!!!  
FIRST THING I'LL DO  
IS CAUTERIZE  
THE WOUND.



AND  
THE NEXT  
THING I'LL  
DO IS TAKE  
OUT YEARS OF  
FRUSTRATION  
AND ANGER ON  
ROBOTNIK'S  
MECHA-  
DRAGONS!







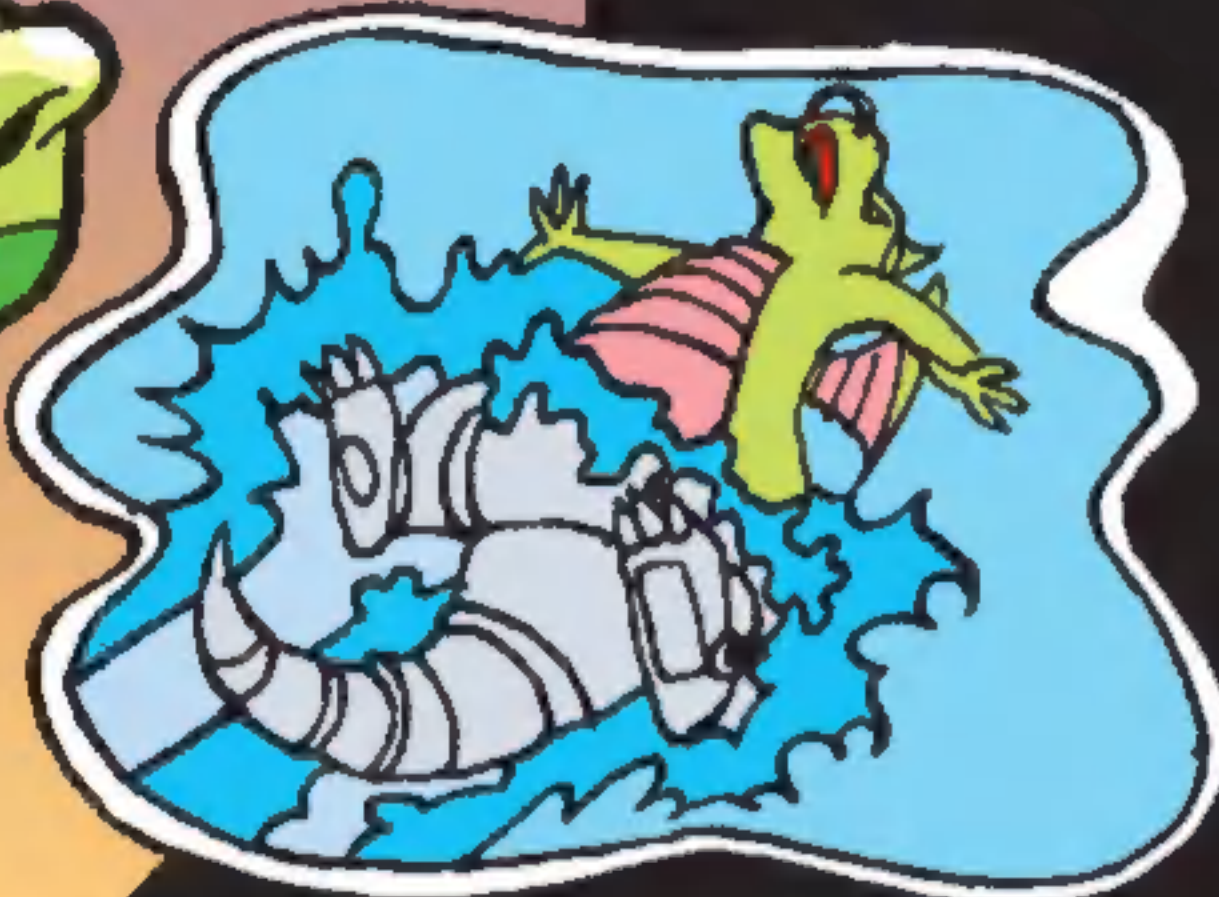
A SHORT TIME  
LATER...

LOOK, DULCY... THE MOLTEN  
REMAINS OF THE MECHA  
DRAGONS ARE STREAMING INTO  
LAVA LAKE. ALL OF VESUVIO  
THANKS YOU. WHY DO YOU  
SEEM SO SAD?

≡SNIFFLE≡  
IT'S JUST  
THAT...

KSSSSHHH

≡CHOKES≡ THOSE MECHA-  
DRAGONS WERE ALL  
ALIVE ONCE ≡SOB≡  
INCLUDING MY MOTHER.  
≡HUCK≡ AND BY MELTING  
THEM, I RUINED ANY  
CHANCE THAT THEY  
MIGHT SOMEDAY  
RETURN!



AN UNDERSTANDABLE  
SENTIMENT, BUT  
FORTUNATELY  
UNFOUNDED...  
OBSERVE!

YOU SEE? A DRAGON'S SPIRIT IS ETERNAL.  
INSTEAD OF PASSING AWAY, IT RETURNS  
TO THE PRIMAL FIRE AND WILL BE REBORN  
IN AN UPCOMING GENERATION. YOUR  
MOTHER AND ALL THE OTHERS WILL  
BE BACK!

≡SOB≡ TH-THAT'S  
W-WONDERFUL!



A SHORT TIME  
LATER...

DULCINEA, THE DECISION  
OF THE VESUVIO COUNCIL IS  
UNANIMOUS. SPARKY--STEP  
FORWARD!

A FULL PARDON IS  
GRANTED AND YOUR  
CITIZENSHIP IS  
RENEWED.

**SNAP**

MOREOVER,  
YOU SHALL BE  
OUR OFFICIAL  
"AMBASSADOR"  
TO THE UPPER-  
WORLD WHERE  
WE HOPE TO  
SOMEDAY  
RETURN.

MOST  
IMPORTANT OF  
ALL, YOUR BLACK  
SINGE RING IS  
HEREBY RESTORED.  
CARRY THE FLAME  
PROUDLY.

THANK  
YOU--  
I  
SHALL!

**THE END**

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